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Food scrap recycling gets underway in local towns

By ALISON ALOISIO

The food scrap recycling program at the Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station is slated to begin Saturday, according to planner Becky Seacrest of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, which is helping to coordinate the regional effort.

The program is already underway at the Tri-Town Transfer Station in Bethel, which also serves Newry and Hanover.

The program's purpose is to recover organics from the waste stream, lightening the trash load and reducing costs.

The company doing the collection at both stations, Agri-Cycle Energy, has set up bins to be used to collect food scraps and other organic waste, which will then be hauled away and converted in anaerobic digesters into biogas to produce electricity.

Users can save scraps in a plastic bag and dump the entire package in the bin.

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SHIFTING GEARS TO CHRISTMAS-Jason and Liz Stier of Coopersburg, Pa. and Greenwood were among many who turned out for last Friday's Local Craft & Wares Fair in Bethel. Here, they visit Wendy Dillon's 'Back to Roots' booth. Dillon is from Woodstock. *A. Wight Chapman*

'Heart and Soul' gears up for Phase 2

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

"It's a way to gather every voice in our community."

"It's an opportunity for people to tell their stories, even those stories that aren't usually heard."

"It's a way of listening to people tell what's important to them about their community, but even more than that, it's a way to use their voices to plan for the future."

These are the words of members of the Mahoosuc Heart & Soul Gear-Up Team, describing the two-year community initiative that began several months ago in the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, and Woodstock.

The team met on Monday for a training session with Jane Lafleur, a senior consultant with Lift360, a Portland nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities and their leaders and organizations throughout New England.

Cat Ingraham, recently hired as the coordinator of Mahoosuc Heart & Soul, was introduced at the work session, titled "Moving into Phase 2."

Ingraham earned a degree in environmental planning and policy with a concentration in economics from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2013.

She will commit a few hours to Mahoosuc Heart & Soul for the next few weeks, and will begin working full-time as its coordinator in January.

Shaping the future

The Orton Family Foundation of Shelburne, Vermont created the blueprint for Community Heart & Soul and has assisted with its implementation in towns across the U.S., including Damariscotta, Gardiner, and Biddeford in Maine.

A fourth Maine community, Bucksport, turned to the Heart & Soul initiative last year to reinvent and revitalize the town following the closing of its paper mill in 2014, and is currently midway through the process.

The Orton Family Foundation website describes Community Heart & Soul as "a planning methodology that uses broad citizen engagement to build economically resilient and socially vibrant com-

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Ski-making in Maine: Industry returns to its artisan roots

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

"Right now, we're in the midst of a Renaissance in ski manufacturing in the state," Scott Andrews, director of the Ski Museum of Maine in Kingfield, told audience members at "Made in Maine: 100-Plus Years of Craftsmanship in Skiing," last Friday's program at the Bethel Historical Society.

Although the industry that grew throughout the 1920s and '30s had nearly disappeared by the mid-1960s, Andrews said that today, "we actually have five companies making skis and snowboards in Maine right at this very moment."

One of those companies is YOPP Clandestine Skis of Bethel, owned by cousins Toby Winkler and Jake Bracy.

Winkler described the founding of his company and narrated a video that illustrated how they use a computer-controlled router and a 24-ton press to make custom-built skis with a laminated wood core.

Winkler and Bracy started their company in what was once their great-grandfather's woodworking shop at a family property in York (YOPP is an acronym for Ye Olde Perkins Place), and relocated the business to Bethel in 2014.

Both engineers and members of the Merchant Marines, the cousins built their own ski press, which they call "The Duchess," to use in the high-pressure laminating process.

A video of commercial ski manufacturing in the 1930s at Paris Manufacturing Co. offered a sharp contrast to YOPP's modern processes and custom production.

Filmed by Clarence Morton, son of the founder of Paris Manufacturing Co., "From Tree to Ski" showed workers as they cut, steamed, bent, shaped, and sanded solid pieces of wood in Maine's largest ski manufacturing operation.

Early skis

Scandinavian immigrants who began arriving around 1870 were the first wave of ski manufacturers in Maine, producing their own skis in home workshops, Andrews said.

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Efficiency Maine offers program for area businesses to save energy

Efficiency Maine recently launched a Small Business Initiative to help local companies reduce lighting costs by upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting, according to a press release.

The initiative is open to small businesses in Bethel, West Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. It connects business owners and landlords to local contractors for lighting assessments and upgrades. The limited-time promotion offers higher incentives than are ordinarily available through Efficiency Maine. Many LED upgrade projects have a payback of around a year.

Most small businesses in the Bethel area are eligible. Program eligibility is determined by the rate on the business's electric bill. "Small General Service" customers, or businesses that use less than 25 kWh a month, can participate.

Area small businesses can get started by calling Efficiency Maine at 866-376-2463 to sign up for a free lighting assessment. A local contractor will be assigned to perform the assessment and generate a savings estimate and proposal.

Past participants of the program have saved an average of $100 per month. Many participating businesses realize savings great enough to recoup project costs in one year.

"Small business owners are busy people. We launched the Small Business Initiative to make lighting upgrades as easy as possible. Switching to high-efficiency LEDs can significantly reduce lighting costs, meaning more money to invest in your business rather than on your electric bill," said Rick Meinking, Business Program Manager at Efficiency Maine. "We've seen great success in other towns through this program, and we are excited to bring the program to small businesses in the Bethel area."

To find out if a business qualifies, check the electric bill to see whether "Small General Service" is listed under the delivery charge section.

For more information, or to sign up for a free energy assessment, call Efficiency Maine at 866-376-2463. Not a "Small General Service" customer? See efficiencymaine.com for other programs to help save energy costs.

A TASTE OF WINTER-Lynne Kulik of Bethel took this photo (left) of her yard after last Friday's snow. Last Wednesday Sunday River Resort opened for the season (above). Though rain returned this week, the forecast for this weekend calls for lower temperatures. *Sunday River*

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Letters

TELSTAR SPORTS PRIORITIES

To the Editor:

In looking at the Bethel Citizen Nov. 17, I was struck by the Telstar High School Fall Sports Awards section. You can tell a lot about a community and a school by the attributes they choose to celebrate. I was not surprised by the various league honors and conference awards. But I was impressed by awards such as the "Hustle Awards," the "Four Year Dedication to Football," the "Academic All-Star," the "Iron Man Award," the "Coach of the Year" and the "Class C South Good Sportsmanship Award."

The development of a strong work ethic, dedication, teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship should be the goals of every sports program. Telstar clearly has this right. Congratulations to all of the athletes and coaches and good luck in the winter season.

Peter Southam
Bethel

ARMISTICE DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

To you and through you to your gentle readers. A recent week offered two opportunities to engage with the community, share, and enjoy. Friday November 11, Armistice Day - Rememberance Day The Jackson Silver Post and Auxiliary held a service at the Legion Post to remember and honour those men and women who served in all times, but, especially WWI and WWII. The service was well orchestrated, especially with wonderful stirring music provided by the Mahoosuc Community Band. This Band so enriches our Lives locally, they are a community treasure. The speaker offered an interesting perspective on why America engaged in WWI, and the lingering story of how we in the Homeland were affected by the Influenza that returned with many of our soldiers and infected 40 percent of the then living population of the US. The Disposal of Flags ritual, whereby flags that are too worn or damaged are retired properly, was executed with total reverence and solemnity.

On 12 November the Trustees, Officers, and Members of the Woodstock Historical Society, held an open house and speaker at the Bryant's Pond Universalist Church. It could have not have been any better. The program by Ben Conant was outstanding and very historically correct and interesting. The great amount of work that has been done is nearly beyond belief. It is indeed a sign of the respect and care that we have for our Oxford County Ancestors who erected such a marvelous edifice in Bryant Pond Village. More than 75 people joined in the afternoon activities and the food, Well, the Food was worthy of an olde time social. Small town living still has its pleasures and beauty... one sometimes has to look a little deeper closer to home.

Thank you all for a great weekending.

Stephen Trent Seames
Scribner Farm, Bethel

(Note: Due to an e-mail issue, this letter was not available for publication in the Nov.17 Citizen.)

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES

To the Editor:

First we would like to wish you all a great holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Years Day with a Very Merry Christmas in there.

With the busy season upon us, it is always wonderful to have so many who like to help with making the holidays better for others. People who our community has supported for over 35 years, and some who we have assisted in the past have been able to come and help now. It is just an amazing time with so many willing to help in many different ways, from money donations, gifts that many have made and baking to make the sales work as well. The list is so long; please know that we thank each and every one of you and look forward to a great season.

We would like to help as many families as we can. You just need to get an application and fill it out we will do our best to help you. Call Nina at 207-836-3600 or e-mail at ninawheeler@msn.com; then we can take care of getting an application to you.

Hope to see you at the fundraiser on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. Doors open at noon at the American Legion in Locke Mills; please save the date. There will be a raffle with over 50 gifts to give away, a 50/50 raffle; you can play Bingo, have a luncheon and buy from the bake sale. Hope that you can make it, have fun with your friends and family and contribute to making a better Christmas for others. We look forward to seeing you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nina Wheeler, Director
Christmas for Families
Bethel

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PLEASE DO MILTON WIND ONLINE SURVEY

To the Editor:

I hope that those who are concerned about the Milton wind tower project will take action as the Land Use Planning Commission moves toward a final decision regarding the removal of Milton from the "expedited" process. The removal would allow a full review of any projects in Milton and that level of review would include the involvement of surrounding towns.

Our area economy has successfully transitioned over the past 35 years from small wood turning and other manufacturing businesses to a diversified and tourism-based economy. Our incredibly scenic views are a critical piece of regional success in that sector. Apparently several members of the commission did not find our views "special" enough, despite a tremendous amount of prior written, oral and photographic evidence submitted during the public comment period.

Bob Everett is our most local representative on the LUPC and would be able to share local opinions on this matter at the upcoming meeting when a vote will be taken. At this point we hope he, and the other commission members who voted to remove Milton from the expedited category in a preliminary vote in November, will be able to articulate the need for this to other members, and that the "Yes" vote will prevail.

LUPC is conducting a survey online. You can access this link on Facebook at the Western Maine Mountains Action Group @nowind232 and elsewhere on the web.

Cathy Newell
Greenwood

REMOVE MILTON FROM EXPEDITED LIST

To the Editor:

Bethel and the surrounding communities are attracting visitors, tourists, skiers, snowboarders, restaurant clients, hikers, bikers, kayakers, ATV riders, snowmobilers, hunters, artists, fishermen, trappers, photographers, second home owners and new residents and all the facilities, stores, shops, restaurants and businesses that serve them. What is it if not the regional character and scenic views that attract them? Is it not our beautiful mountains, lakes, forests and rivers?

Now corporate wind is also coming to the area. The people of Milton asked to have a voice in preserving the regional character and scenic views, as also did the selectmen of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Peru. Only if Milton is removed from the expedited wind development process will these regional and local values be considered when Ever Power of Pennsylvania seeks a permit to build 12 massive turbines on Bryant and Chamberlain mountains. Is it too much to ask the Land Use Planning Commission to consider the wishes of the people who live here? We are not even saying no to wind. We are just asking that these local values be considered during the permitting process.

Let not the answer my friends be blown in the wind.

Peter Fetchko
Woodstock

MAHOOSUC BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

To the Editor:

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The Mahoosuc Community Band has been practicing Christmas music since September. The band wants to share these songs with you. The Christmas Concert is Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The concert is filled with traditional favorites and newer melodies. We have some new songs this Christmas season: "Spoon River," by Percy Grainger, "Jing, Jing, Jingle," arranged by Chris Sharp, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," arranged by Larry Kerchner.

We will also play familiar favorites of "C'est Noel," by Andre Jutras, "A Copeland Tribute by Copeland" and arranged by Grundman, "Toccata for Band," by Frank Erickson, "All I Want for Christmas is You," arranged by Larry Kerchn, "I'll be Home for Christmas," arranged by James Swearingen and, naturally, "Sleigh Ride."

Patricia Boyle-Wight directs the community band with people of all ages from Berlin, N.H. to Dixfield, Rumford, Hanover, Woodstock, Greenwood, and Bethel.

The community band practices Monday nights at the Congregational Church basement in Bethel. After the holiday concert, the group takes a break and restarts rehearsals Jan. 2, 2017. New members are always welcome. The opportunity to enjoy music lasts through the years. Many members played in high school and stopped. It took a time to regain the notes. Yet this group is really encouraging and enjoys making music together. Young people from area middle schools and high schools are welcome.

For more information contact Julie Schubert-Cowan, band president, at jdschubes@gmail.com.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

FOOD PANTRY THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Bethel Food Pantry turkey basket give away. A special thank you goes out to Sunday River ski area for donating 30 turkeys!

Thanks are also needed for The Good Food Store, Dave and Heather and all the volunteers who made Turkey Tuesday successful. Donations included 15 boxes of non-perishables and over $2,000 in cash.

All of this speaks volumes of how generous we all are here in Western Maine.

On behalf of all those who use the Bethel Food Pantry and the more than 70 volunteers who make the food pantry happen each month.

Dave Bean
Bethel

TURKEY TUESDAY THANKS

To the Editor:

Every Tuesday before Thanksgiving something great happens here. Several hundred people gather at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills to share food and camaraderie. People of all political and social beliefs, people who just moved here and those with the requisite five generations in the graveyard, young and old come to share Turkey Tuesday. For that time, all differences seem to be put aside (hooray).

Dave Nivus and Heather Hale-Nivus, owners of The Good Food Store in Bethel, have put on this event for several decades . They provide turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes. Everyone who attends brings other dishes and desserts for all to share. There is no advertising for the event – it is all word of mouth and/or Facebook.

This community dinner benefits the area food pantry. Besides bringing a dish to share, everyone also brings either non-perishable food items or donates money to the food pantry. Not only is it a coming together of community, but it is also the community helping less fortunate community members by supporting the food pantry.

Thanks, again, Heather and Dave for doing this for all of us.

By the way, if you missed this chance to support the Bethel Area Food Pantry, you can stop in at Northeast Bank on Main Street in Bethel and make a donation directly to the food pantry account. Every dollar donated buys four dollars in food for the hungry who live among us.

Betsey Foster
Greenwood

GRATEFUL TO LIVE IN BETHEL

To the Editor:

Last week Bethel celebrated "Turkey Tuesday," the 26th annual celebration of community. This event, hosted by Heather and Dave of The Good Food Store, assisted by a group of volunteers, provides turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and cranberry relish for the assembled crowd, this year more than 300 people consuming 400 pounds of turkey. Everyone brings a dish to share and a donation for the local food pantry. New babies are introduced here, and we old-timers are happy to greet people we don't get to see often.

I feel humbly grateful to live in Bethel, Maine. We have our different opinions, but we treat each other with civility and respect. We know how to put differences aside and to unite in what is really important, caring for one another, seeing those necessary things get done.

A few weeks ago we had the privilege of participating in a musical rendition of Richard Blanco's "One Today" inaugural poem. Our own Tom Davis wrote the music, our own Richard Blanco read the poem, our own Gem Theater hosted the (free) program. Again, numerous community members volunteered to build staging, provide voices and musical instruments, print programs.

Especially these days when there are such divisiveness and rancor in our country, let us give thanks that we live in "One Today Bethel."

Ellen Crocker
Bethel

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Auditions for the Children's Stage Adventures production of "The Princess and the Pea" were held at Crescent Park School.

The Bethel Rotary Club Country Breakfast at Gould Academy was attended by nearly 300 people.

Deaths: Katherine E. Hakala, Helen Blowers, Verna Frances Swift, Arlene E. Brown, Beatrice Arlene Bean, Dennis Raymond Swan.

20 years ago: Lottery tickets, $500 in cash and about $400 worth of cigarettes were taken in a burglary at the Bridge Street Big Apple.

Eight Telstar High School students took part in a 12-week hospitality course at Sunday River Ski Resort's Summit Hotel.

Births: Brandyn Lorenzo Martinez, Christopher Allen McMillin.

Deaths: Frances M. Gammon, Homer C. Aldrich, Kenneth Knapp, James M. Whynaught.

30 years ago: Local hunters bagged 178 deer and 30 bears during the hunting season.

The Bethel Rotary Club donated the profits from their very successful Pancake Breakfast to the "Jaws of Life" fund.

Deaths: Lawrence M. Kendall, Mrs. Ruth A. Butters, Mrs. Myra A. Harlow, Kimball Ames.

40 years ago: The Bethel Planning Board conducted a survey to assist in renewing and updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Wayne Davis was promoted to Mine Foreman at Allied Chemical Green River Works in Green River, Wy.

Death: Harland Averill.

50 years ago: Plans were underway for a gala New Year's Eve Cabaret at the William Bingham Gymnasium to benefit the Bethel P.T.A.

The Bethel Health and Service Council was seeking donations of toy, clothing, books, and household items for Christmas boxes for local families.

Births: Kellie Rose Akers, Jay Lawrence Boschetti, Michelle Jean Angevine.

Deaths: Miss Dorothy H. Perkins, Richard T. Young, Norman Allen, Clara T. Barlow, Mrs. Hazel L. Durant.

60 years ago: The home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brown, known as the Morse place, in Grafton was burned.

Snowcraft Company, Tannery Street, Norway, was sold to the Garland Manufacturing Co., of Saco. Snowcraft, incorporated in 1932, was the largest snowshoe manufacturer in the world.

Deaths: H. Kirke Stowell, Lester Lewis Littlehale.

70 years ago: The planer mill of L. E. Davis and novelty mill of F. J. Tyler were destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at $12,000.

Richard Davis moved his sawmill from Middle Intervale to East Bethel.

Deaths: Carl Godwin.

80 years ago: The new pipe organ at the Bethel Methodist Church was dedicated at a Sunday afternoon service.

The Grand Trunk Railway announced a new fast train between Island Pond, Vt. and Portland. The train left Bethel at 8:41 a.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m.

Deaths: Wilbur F. Bean, Mrs. Cora Doughty, Edna Irene Skillings.

110 years ago: Chester B. Cushman, who had injured his hand in a press at the NEWS office, returned to his work.

William Cushman had erected a windmill on Mr. Nobel Small's estate on Main Street in Andover.

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Letters

HOPE ASSN. GRANT PLANS

To the Editor:

I would like to use this Letter to the Editor to follow up on last week's article regarding the Sunday River Community Fund Grants that were noted in the Citizen. I was pleased to open my weekly copy of the paper to see that the Hope Association was recognized for receiving a $4,000 grant from the Sunday River Community Fund.

I would like to share with your readers what that grant will be used for. In 1999, the Hope Association built a large, typical, hoop frame and polyethelene plastic greenhouse to teach horticultural and vocational skills to individuals with disabilities. The greenhouse was called the Briar Patch and is located next to the old armory building in Rumford. To make a long story short, the Briar Patch was successful beyond our earliest expectations. People with disabilities gained skills and grew as much – if not more – than the plants they were tending. Many of the program participants working in the greenhouse moved on into competitive employment out in the local communities; Bethel included.

The original Briar Patch was in need of significant maintenance and repairs, and it was operational for less than four months a year. The new Briar Patch will be a commercial unit with a solid foundation, rigid frame, polycarbonate "glass" and technology that will allow it to operate year-round, and much more technically advanced and efficient than our original structure. It will allow us to serve more individuals with disabilities and foster even more horticultural learning.

The goal of the Hope Association is to enter into the physical structure of the greenhouse as debt free as possible. This will allow for the proceeds of the greenhouse to be used to support people with disabilities. Grants and donations, like the Sunday River Community Fund, will go a long way toward helping us to meet that goal.

I could write pages on what's happening with the new Briar Patch, but wanted to give your readers a brief thumbnail sketch of how the Sunday River Community Fund Grant was being used to help support people with disabilities in a way that shows just how capable they really are.

If your readers have any questions regarding the grant or the new Briar Patch Greenhouse, I would encourage them to give me a call at (207) 364-4561 at extension 108 or at my home after 5 p.m. at 824-3361.

Greg Fraser
Hope Association administrative asst.
Newry

Scraps

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TRI-TOWN FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING UNDERWAY-The Tri-Town Transfer Station, which serves Bethel, Newry and Hanover, recently started accepting food scraps for recycling. Users may drop off scraps (including the plastic bags they are stored in at home) in bins located inside the chain-link fenced-in area (above, at right). More information is available at the participating town offices. *A. Aloisio*

"Because the company runs everything it collects through a state-of-the-art depackaging machine, which separates the recyclable scraps from paper, foil, or plastic packaging, scraps can be sealed in a plastic bag for disposal," said Greenwood Selectman Amy Chapman. "There's no need to see, smell, or handle anything gross. And if you should happen to find a forgotten package of slimy celery in the bottom of your vegetable drawer, you can toss it in, packaging and all."

Seacrest said the process "makes it easier for the homeowner in dealing with the 'ick' factor. I keep my bags in a five gallon bucket between trips to the transfer station and just empty the bucket into the totes.

"[The process] has been working very well in Rumford for over two months."

Unlike in composting, meat can be used in the recycling process. See the list below for allowed and prohibited items.

There will be flyers at the transfer station for patrons. Any questions can be directed to beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or rsecrest@avcog.org or 207-824-3813 or 207-754-8158.

Recyclable:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat and fish scraps
- Dairy products (cheese, butter, milk, etc.)
- Bread, pasta, rice, grains
- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Soiled tea bags
- Jellies and sauces
- Fats, oils, greases
- Packaged food: damaged or outdated food products (solid, liquid, frozen) still in their packaging, including those made of metal, plastic, or cardboard. These include yogurt, milk, juice, canned vegetables, cereals and other perishables

NOT recyclable:

- Seafood shells
- Animal carcasses
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, etc.)
- Diapers
- Chemicals
- Cat litter, pet waste
- Personal hygiene products
- Facial tissues
- Medicines
- Styrofoam
- Rubber bands
- Latex gloves
- Glass
- Metals, plastics or cardboards that do not contain food products

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munities based on towns' unique local character."

The approach aims to expand participation in local decision-making, which in turn fosters deep connections among residents and increases communication, collaboration, and a sense of investment in the community.

Lafleur is a coach and mentor for Heart & Soul teams and served as project coordinator when the process was implemented in Damariscotta in 2008-2010.

"Heart and Soul is a way to gather everyone's stories, and to involve everyone in shaping the future of the community, based on what matters most to the people who live here," she told team members.

"This is who we are"

Phase One of Mahoosuc Heart & Soul, which has taken place over the past few months, involved assembling a team of volunteers, connecting with town officials and town office staffs to plan activities, developing a budget, identifying goals, and building public awareness for the two-year initiative.

Phase Two will focus on gathering and sharing stories from members of the community, and building and managing data drawn from those stories.

The final two phases of the project entail decision-making and drafting an action plan (Phase 3) and embedding the knowledge, skills, and practices gained from the Heart & Soul process into municipal planning, policies, and processes (Phase 4).

Lafleur explained that there are several methods of gathering stories, from brief notes taken during "story circles," where several people share their responses to one or two key questions, to in-depth interviews recorded by volunteers, in the tradition of oral history projects.

The data compiled from all types of stories will be used to implement long-range planning that identifies and focuses on the distinctive characteristics of the region and its residents' relationships with each other, with the community, and with the land, and how those unique qualities and relationships can be leveraged to create cultural, social, and economic stability.

The process is one of self-discovery, learning what community members value, what kept them here or drew them to the region, and how they envision the future.

"When you can say, 'This is who we are,' it's a strength," said Lafleur.

"I want to stay in Maine"

Ingraham, a "multi-generational Mainer," grew up in the Biddeford-Saco area, where her father owns a law firm and her mother taught high school special education. Her parents are also small business-owners, having purchased a campground and RV park in 2005.

"My parents' careers and choices to involve their children in them gave me the opportunity to grow up with the accountability and responsibility of a small business owner," she said.

"Being an active member of a local community has always been central to self-identification for me as a small cog in a larger mechanism."

Living in neighboring Saco during the implementation of the Heartworks Downtown Master Plan in Biddeford, a Heart & Soul project, Ingraham said, "I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact it has had and continues to have on the area."

She and her husband founded and run Lone Pine Brewing Co., turning a longtime microbrewing hobby into a for-profit business, with three beers currently in production and distribution.

Although she grew up in a somewhat more urban environment, she is drawn to the outdoors and the close community ties of small towns.

"Western Maine has always felt to me like a place to be. I am more comfortable in the mountains and woods than in any city," said Ingraham, adding that she hopes to relocate to the Bethel area in January or February.

"I am a young, educated person and I want to stay in Maine."

NWC to meet Tuesday

The Newry Withdrawal Committee will meet Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Newry Town Office to discuss its next steps, following the defeat Nov. 8 of a SAD 44 referendum question to change the district's cost-sharing formula among member towns. The committee is currently in a stalemate with the SAD 44 School Board on negotiating a withdrawal agreement for Newry to vote on.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 – a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 12, 2016 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal for Crossroads Diner located at 24 Mayville Rd. and Liquor License applications for La Choza located at 188 Main St. and Jimmy Seas Pan Pasta located at 32 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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- Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down is to be used as a forum to acknowledge good deeds, recognize someone for a job well done, thank someone for special kindness, or to express dissatisfaction or disagreement with an action or activity in the community.
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Ski

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These early skis were made from a single solid piece of wood, with simple leather loops for bindings.

They were long, often nearly twice the length of modern skis.

"The New Sweden Historical Society has a collection of early skis," Andrews said, "The tallest is 11 feet, nine inches long, and quite a few of them go over 10 feet."

By the early 20th century, commercial ski manufacturing had begun in Maine, and between 1900 and 1941, there were at least 10 Maine companies producing skis.

The earliest and most prolific of these, and the only one still manufacturing skis by the end of World War II, was Paris Manufacturing Co.

Founder Henry Franklin Morton was out riding in his sleigh one winter day in 1899 when he was passed by two Finns on homemade skis.

Andrews said Morton, whose large factory was already producing sleds and other children's toys, had "the proverbial light-bulb moment."

Although skis probably never represented more than five percent of the company's business, Andrews said, once it entered the business at the turn of the century, Paris Manufacturing Co. continued to produce skis at its South Paris factory for the next 65 years.

Another of the earliest Maine ski companies was Tajco in Portland, founded by Theo A. Johnsen, which produced several models of skis between 1905 and 1907.

Johnsen marketed his skis through a book he published, "The Winter Sport of Skeeing." It included illustrations and detailed instructions for cross-country and downhill skiing, as well as ski jumping, and also incorporated the Tajco winter sports catalogue.

In the early days of skiing, most ski equipment was sold in hardware stores, Andrews said. Salesmen traveled their routes by train and carried with them small-scale models of the skis, some of which are now displayed at the Ski Museum of Maine.

For most ski producers in Maine, skis were only a sideline to their other manufacturing businesses. These included Stevens Tank and Tower Co. in Auburn, Nautilus Ski and Pontoon Co. in Mechanic Falls, and W.F. Tubbs in Norway, known primarily for its snowshoes.

The "Claw"

John Howe, who attended the program, shared the story of the ski manufacturing company he started in his barn in Waterford in the 1990s.

Howe was captain of his University of Colorado ski team in 1956, when it was the top college team in the nation.

A mechanical engineering major, he became vice president of engineering for Head Ski Co., where he designed the world's first shaped ski, the Head Yahoo.

The ski was premiered in a 1972 promotional video featuring professional freestyle skier Debbie Mead, who later became Howe's wife.

After retiring and moving to Maine, Howe, who has written a book on the mechanics of skiing, founded Howe Winter Sports, designing and building the "Claw," a ski with revolutionary vibration damping technology that allows it to grip the terrain in icy conditions.

Now 81, Howe said he still owns many pairs of the Claw skis his company manufactured between 1995 and 2005, and often takes several different pairs with him for a day of skiing at Sunday River to be sure he has just the right pair for that day's conditions.

"Last winter when we had serious ice [conditions] I would take five or six pairs of skis and leave them in my car on the access road to the Jordan lift so I could try them all," he said.

YOPP Clandestine Skis co-owner Toby Winkler (left) had an opportunity to talk ski design with John Howe, creator of the revolutionary "Claw" ski, at last week's Bethel Historical Society program on the history of ski manufacturing in Maine, presented by Ski Museum of Maine director Scott Andrews.

A. Wight Chapman

Bethel

By DON BENNETT

Sunday River opened

Sunday River opened on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Sunday 11 trails were open with 10 of them groomed. This compares to last year's opening on Oct. 19. The South Ridge main parking lot was full, and the upper-level lot was about a quarter filled. Skiers coming down from the upper levels reported that it was very windy up there. Skiers that I saw had a fine covering of blown snow on their clothing.

Local Craft Fair

Bethel Inn's Conference Center was filled to the corners with vendors, shoppers, and sightseers. I must say that I saw only a few people whom I recognized. One display laid out a table of Baa Soap for Nanny Goat Facials, along with Patchouli me Pine deodorant. Another looked a little more down to earth with Christmas time greenery arrangements, a decorated sled, and a decorated snowshoe. The open layout had things I could relate to – bird houses and bird feeders. And at the Ellis River Iron Works display there were what looked liked woodland creatures made from old auto springs and what seemed like a metal bike seat used as a deer face with eyes attached to the face. And of course, there were a number of pottery displays and knit items. Did not see any quilts or afghans from Bethel people, but I may have just missed them.

1964 - A Year in Bethel history to note

The year started with this news item written by Town Manager Michael Houlihan: The last week of the year has brought a larger number of people to the town office and a greater number of comments and ideas than any other week of the year. Of course, nearly everyone feels that taxes are too high. The other most mentioned subject was the sewage abatement program that the town must begin in the next couple of years. Then in February Bethel Citizen readers learned that Bethel's taxes were among highest in the State: Bethel's tax rate is among the highest 17 percent of all towns in the State according to "Basic Financial Data" released by the Maine Teachers Association. Based on the State's valuation of the town, Bethel was the 52nd highest of the 319 towns or cities.

Besides being the year of the first Living Nativity scene, it was the year that Gould Academy notified the townspeople that Gould Academy experienced enrollment pressure issues. On June 8, 1964, the academy trustees issued a statement concerning the academy's future and concerns which arise from increasing student enrollment and revised State Department of Education standards relating to vocational training. Gould faces the possibility of loss of accreditation if it does not provide vocational training on a far broader scale than it is equipped to provide. In academic years 1962 and 1963, the academy was forced to limit enrollment.

In April river pollution resulted in a notice that the Androscoggin River will have to be cleaned up by 1973; the deadline was set by the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Pollution abatement programs must be completed by 1973. Federal jurisdiction is due to the Androscoggin River being an inter-state river.

In May Western Maine Supply opened for business in the former John Harrington feed and grain store – now the Funky Red Barn. And in June Bryant's Market opened in its new store building on Main Street which has remained a Bethel's main food shopping store to this day.

In Newry, the big three events of 1964 were: the Sunday River Inn opened in December. The owners of this new enterprise were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daye and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Yates. And, construction of the Raymond Foster School was begun. Today the building is the Town of Newry office. The big surprise may have been a pizza parlor would open in of all places, North Newry. Its news announcement was: El Toro's Pizza Palace (at the former Poplar Tavern) would change its hours - being open seven nights a week but closed days; sandwiches and pizza to choose from plus DANCING.

And lastly, politics: Nov. 5, 1964, Citizen headline: Johnson Takes Town, County, State and Nation; Demos Nearly Sweep Oxford Co. The electoral vote for President Lyndon Johnson was 486-52; he became the first Democrat to take Maine's electoral vote since Woodrow Wilson in 1912. Bethel gave LBJ a vote of 721 to 369 for Goldwater.

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE

Hello Bethel Citizen Readers - On Main Street in Bethel is the location of the Bethel United Methodist Church. This building was dedicated on Feb. 14, 1894. It replaced a previous church that was destroyed by a cyclone on Sept. 18, 1891. The church is a very old, historical building. Last week we had some repairs done to the sanctuary. The four corners of this room come out, and the panels were beginning to get loose and needed to be secured. I am happy to report that by divine intervention we were able to find the right men to do the job. Mike (Opie), Taylor and Jim Westleigh from Taylor-Built Construction, took on the project which was no easy feat because the work had to be done on staging to reach up about 30 feet. These two men are very knowledgeable with building construction and renovation, with over 30 years of experience. They do frame-to-finish carpentry and know how to get a job done. They make an excellent team. Taylor and Westleigh also kept in constant communication and were very dependable. Everyone at the Bethel United Methodist Church is very thankful and appreciative of the excellent work from Taylor-Built Construction in maintaining our Church Sanctuary.

Wendy Youmans is a yoga instructor who holds classes at the annex located in the back of the Methodist Church. On Friday, Nov. 25 all proceeds from classes were donated to the Bethel Food Pantry, which is located at the Nazarene Church on Church Street in Bethel. The Food Pantry is opened the second Monday of every month from noon to 8 p.m. It was great to give back to the community and help out the Bethel Food Pantry. Thank you, Wendy! Yoga is excellent because it helps with balance, flexibility, and strength. Wendy teaches three classes at the annex. On Friday mornings she offers a moderate/advanced class starting at 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and a beginner class from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. She also holds a Sunday moderate/advanced class from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Folks interested in more information can contact Wendy at yogawendy@gmail.com

"Walk the Gym" is a fitness idea for folks 55 and up in the greater Bethel area to keep walking through the winter. Bingham Gymnasium located at Gould Academy is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. The dates for December are the first, sixth, and eighth and resuming every Tuesday and Thursday starting Jan. 10. They ask that folks bring athletics shoes to wear in the gym. For more information, folks 55 and up can call Sarah Tucker at 824-2669. Excellent idea to keep folks walking during the upcoming winter months.

Received happy news that there was a birthday party on Nov. 20. Ray Cole turned 90 years old! Family and friends gathered at his home on Grover Hill

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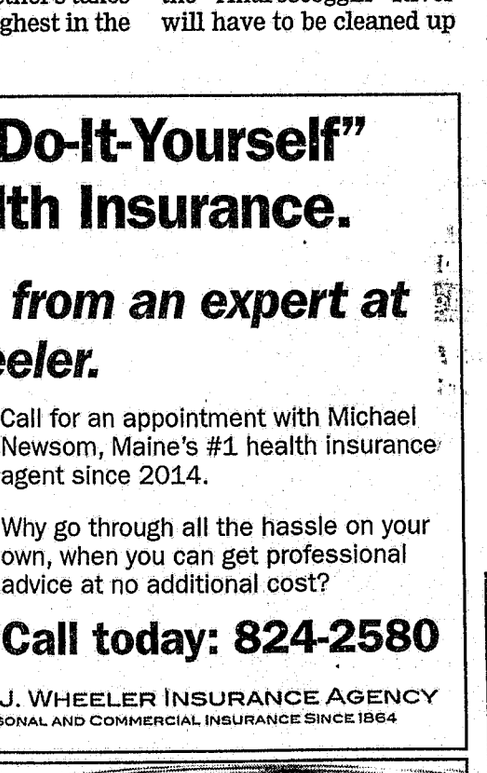

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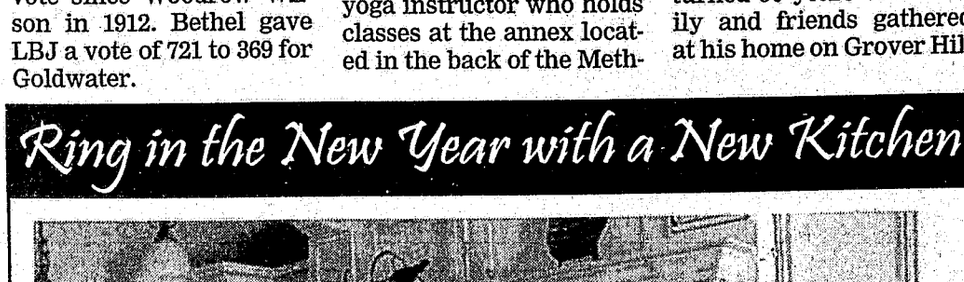

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At the bird house and bird feeder table during last Friday's Wares Fair in Bethel.
D. Bennett

WINTER SCENE-Columnist Don Bennett's backyard last Friday morning.

to celebrate this big event. Congratulations to Ray Cole for reaching this significant milestone.

The upcoming weekend in Bethel will be a busy time. On Saturday, Dec. 3 there are three events taking place in town. A Christmas Fair and Tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, located at 32 Church Street. The second event is Christmas at the Mason House, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. held at the Dr. Moses Mason House on 14 Broad St. hosted by the Bethel Historical Society. If you are a pet owner the final event on Saturday is a Rabies Clinic held at the Bethel Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Folks can end the weekend on Sunday, Dec. 4 by attending the Mahoosuc Community Band concert held at the West Parish Congregational Church, starting at 4 p.m.

Anyone with news or events can reach me by calling 824-2328 or at lhowe7273@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL

Thanksgiving was very quiet this year. Remembering more active times, Maple Lane Farm in West Bethel hosted the extended Bean-Grover-Wheeler-Schmitt-Paul-Luxton family during the 70s and 80s. The usual number would be 45 or more when Gram (Ruth Bean Grover) was alive. The main farm house is gone, but memories keep it alive.

When I was just beginning Gould Academy, I found employment at the farm under the supervision of Aunt Hazel (Grover) Wheeler. She had retired from a teaching position in Augusta and moved back to take care of Uncle Fred and Gram. Every Tuesday I hopped off the school bus and greeted the eager inhabitants of the enormous three-story farm. The weekly routine included vacuuming and dusting the first and second floors of the main house. Reminiscing about early days on the farm entertained Gram Grover, Hazel and me on many of my visits.

Gram arrived at the farm in the early 1900s to seek employment just as I had. Ruth eventually became the matriarch and filled me with tales of haying on Grover Island, making butter, and falling in love with Adrian. There were summer boarders including the local visiting minister, sledding to town under horse power covered in a heavy bear hide blanket. The men hayed in summer and logged the woodlot in winter. The berries raised at the farm included raspberries, strawberries, and boysenberries and during the season most of the crops traveled by train to Berlin, N.H. for consumption.

My young mind devoured the stories and appreciated the architectural splendor which was the farm. Special memories include Aunt Hazel and myself climbing to the third floor and opening the many attic doors and chests revealing treasures of the past that had been forbidden even for Hazel. Chamber pots, old diaries, and spinning wheels had been carefully nested into every cranny and corner. The barn is the only building that remains. So goes progress. Then my home became the gathering place when my kids were home. I suspect this is how it runs in families, the ever changing dynamics of life.

This morning I awoke to a white world outside. I heard the plows on Route 2 but didn't need Cross Excavation for the driveway. I rigged up with wool hat and mittens and spent an hour making two snowmen in the back yard. By 8:30 I jumped into the Avalon and picked up my friend Deanna. As we cruised around the Wares Fair, I flashed back to all the years Eric and I spent dragging our screen printed shirts, plants, and kids around New England building a business. May your week be full of good memories and fun people.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. We shared a good dinner and had quite a few laughs together. The only problem encountered was as usual, not enough stuffing. In this house, it means there isn't enough left over for all to have the same amount the next day again.

Bettyann and Sonny Hastings spent the weekend of Nov. 20 away visiting Jeff and Cathy Hastings. They went to the Cross Center in Bangor for the Maine Harvest Festival, which ran Saturday and Sunday. There was lots of yummy food and Maine made products. They will definitely go again next year. On Saturday evening they went to see and listen to Jeff and fellow musicians play in the Starlight Orchestra. It was enjoyable to hear the band and watch the dancers doing the jitterbug! Remember that?? Jeff also plays with a five-piece jazz group. A lot of great Maine musical talent.

Lynne Zimmerman returned from another adventure. She recently took a group of Appalachian Mountain Club hikers to India. They spent six days trekking along the Singalila Ridge that follows a border between India and Nepal. They had some amazing views of Mt. Kanchenjunga and Everest. They also did a little sightseeing, visiting the Taj Mahal, Jaipur, and the Darjeeling area with many tea plantations. It was a great adventure. Lynne shared a beautiful picture of Mt. Kanchenjunga. Lynne and Roger are looking forward to their daughter Heather's upcoming visit the last two weeks of December. Heather is currently studying for a Master's degree at the London School of Economics in London, England.

Please, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. I always enjoy hearing from my readers.

Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH

A reminder that the Snow Valley Sno-Goers snowmobile club will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7 for a potluck and kick-off the season meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Anyone interested in snowmobiling is invited to this meeting and to join as a member of the organization. Andover is noted for great trails and this group of dedicated people maintains them.

The selectmen, at their regular meeting this past Tuesday accepted the resignation of Elaine Morton as deputy fire chief. Elaine has faithfully served this community in the fire department for 32 years and was the go-to person for such things as burn permits. She made herself available to all of us in emergency situations, often at a great inconvenience to herself. We shall miss her in this capacity

From the OCSD

Patrol Log

Monday, Nov. 21

At 11:09 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson investigated a fight between two subjects in Bethel. After obtaining statements a written criminal trespass warning was given to one subject.

At 3:28 p.m. Telstar High School requested the presence of a deputy for a student issue. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

At 12:17 a.m. on Parkway in Bethel Quinton J. Stevens-Palmer, 25, of Bethel, was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana by Deputy James McLamb.

At 10:24 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of harassment in Gilead.

At 12:47 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a report of a trespass issue in Bethel.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

At 1:28 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to the Songo Pond Road in Bethel for a report of a tree down in the road.

At 10:17 a.m. a report was received of a theft on Mills Road in Woodstock. Deputy Matt McDonnell was assigned.

At 3:45 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell contacted a Bethel resident who requested a call regarding a theft. The case was under investigation.

Thursday, Nov. 24

At 6:42 a.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a suspicious subject at a Railroad Street business in Bethel.

At 7:30 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a property damage crash on the Gilead Road in Gilead.

Friday, Nov. 25

At 10:52 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a property damage accident on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel.

Saturday, Nov. 26

At 11:15 p.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a case of criminal mischief on Main Street in Bethel.

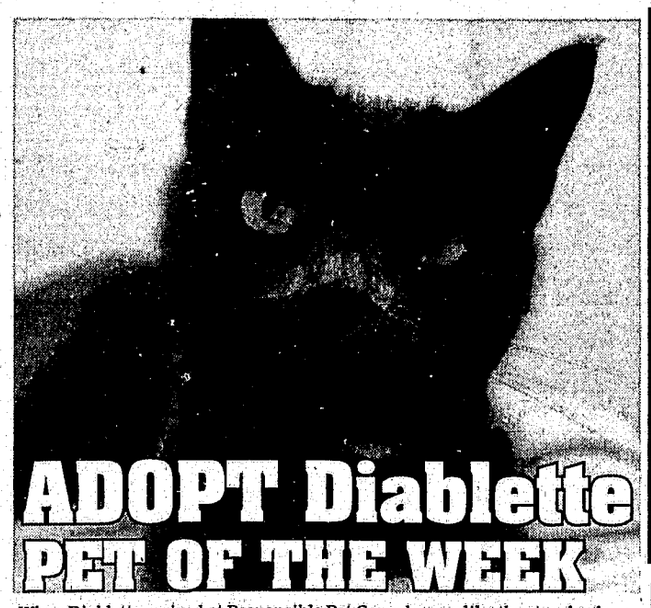
Monday, Nov. 28

At 12:55 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to Hanover for a report of a domestic incident.

From the OCSD

Jail Log

Nov. 25, 3:08 p.m.: Steven W. Taylor, 41, of Woodstock, failure to pay fines; by Officer Dan Hanson in Woodstock.



When Diablette arrived at Responsible Pet Care she was like the storybook princess that was locked up in the tower. She wailed and moaned, and refused to cooperate. Although Diablette was only five months old at the time, she was so unmanageable the staff thought she might be feral and difficult to adopt.

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That did the trick for Diablette. She is a happy, little kitty now. She walks around the room greeting visitors and waiting for some head scratching.

Diablette is eight months old. She is looking forward to a fairytale ending to her life in the shelter where she will be adopted by a handsome princess or a beautiful princesses, or maybe even a royal family.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Hunting season closed on Saturday at sunset with 50-plus deer having been tagged.

The public hearing with the Maine DOT regarding the replacement of the Merrill Bridge was well attended. This was the first hearing in which many questions were raised concerning the new location of the bridge, the time frame for replacement, etc. Many of those questions have not been decided on and further information will be forthcoming as plans proceed.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

The Cemetery CD has been rolled over for another year in the hope that interest rates will rise and it can be re-invested.

Secretary to the Selectmen Tracy Allegra is working on updating the E911 address database.

School finances were discussed and the board opted not to combine the school and town audits if the auditor has not started the process, since it was November and almost time to start a new audit. The school will be allowed to get a town credit card for purchases until they can have a two-year track record for financial institutions so they may obtain their own. It was decided to write an article to get the permission of the Town to combine $45,173.16 received for assets from SAD 44 and the $38,851.27 from the carryover account, bringing the total to $84,024.43. The article will ask for permission to apply the total amount to paying down the bond taken out for school expenses during the transfer process.

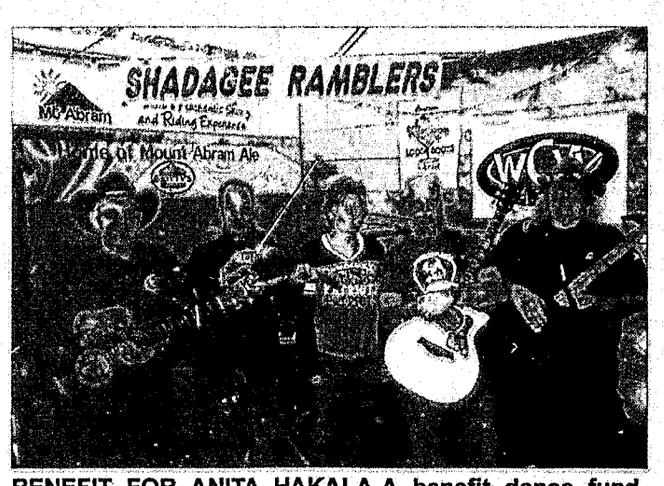
The secretary is already working on the annual Town Report, which will be mailed to Andover and East Andover residents only with extra copies available at the Town Office for others. Department heads, committees, and clubs should get their reports to the secretary by Jan. 15.

Fire Chief Justin Tibbetts reported that ladder truck cables are done and are currently at Morrison's to get the air cans replaced and the brake work done.

Tim Morrison will be doing inspections at the station on Nov. 26. Ken Dixon will be heading up the Engine 2 project. Chief Tibbetts will be presenting his budget for 2017 to the Budget Committee on Nov. 30.

Once again the topic of a website has come up and the importance of having one that is user-friendly. Selectman Hutchins will be contacting persons regarding this.

A voter's petition paper has been received asking that the money in account 3560 designated for the re-evaluation of town real estate be used to offset taxation. In 2016 a mil was worth $68,000. There is $63,000 in the re-val account. Should this pass, it will have little or no effect on citizen tax bills. The re-val, however, would bring a greater benefit to the town as presently untaxed and under-taxed properties would help spread out the tax burden in a more equitable way.



BENEFIT FOR ANITA HAKALA-A benefit dance fundraiser to purchase a chair lift for Anita Hakala's home will take place Saturday, Dec. 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Gore Road in Locke Mills. Music by the Shadagee Ramblers. Donations will be accepted at the door. BYOB; beverages and hot dogs available. For more information call Ray at 890-3737; Dellie at 515-1419; or Gary at 381-7231. *Submitted photo*

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY

Holiday festivities

Join us for the Hanover Town Tree Lighting this coming Monday evening, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in front of the Town Office. Following the lighting, refreshments will be served, and all are invited inside the Town Office to participate in cookie decorating. Cookies and decorating supplies will be provided. Just bring yourself and enjoy the fun! All ages are welcomed.

Tax discount

Hanover tax bills are in the mail. Pay your bill by Dec. 31, 2016, and receive a 2 percent savings. Otherwise, bills are due and payable in full by June 30, 2017.

Holiday closings

With both Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays this year, the Town Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Improvements

Thanks to Buster Chase for the much needed recent Town Office improvements which included a new bathroom ceiling and light fixture. According to Town Clerk, Kelly Harrington, the town will be installing motion-sensitive lighting to illuminate the Town Office walkway. This will provide more safety when walking between the Town Office and the parking lot after dark.

Congratulations hunters! Congrats to Keith Crockett-Harrington, who got his deer this past Saturday, the last day of hunting season. The seven-pointer weighed in at 130 pounds. Although Keith beat his little brother Kory by one-point, as reported in last week's column Kory's deer weighed one pound more than his big brother's!

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Well, I didn't get my outdoor decorating done over Thanksgiving weekend, as I'd hoped, but I did get my cornstalks and pumpkins taken down and hauled to the compost pile, so that's a step in the right direction. And I bought three wreaths, which I hope to have hung up in the next couple of days.

There are lots of places to buy wreaths and greenery at this time of year, including a host of seasonal fairs and other events. For the past few years, I've been buying mine from the White family, who sell them at their location on Route 26 near the end of North Pond, across from the entrance to Rocky Road.

I don't know how many wreaths they make and sell, but it must be in the hundreds. Their wreaths are always fresh and full, and they sell them both decorated and plain. I bought mine undecorated, because I have some big pinecones, and just cut a bunch of bittersweet vines with berries that were growing up the corner of our house, so I'm planning to decorate them with those.

We've been doing battle with the bittersweet vine for all of the almost three decades that I've lived here, trying to eradicate it before it pries the siding off the house. We've cut every bit of it off at the ground at least a half-dozen times, but it keeps coming back. Some of it has even popped up on the other side of the driveway, where I cheerfully run it down with the lawnmower whenever I see it.

In all those years, it had never produced flowers and berries, until this fall. Now that it has, I'm feeling somewhat friendlier toward it, and I may decide to let it live (not, it appears, that I have a choice in the matter anyway). Maybe I'll build a trellis for it to climb on so it will stop trying to force its way under the clapboards.

I attended the Local Crafts and Wares Fair in Bethel last Friday, and after I had got home, I got a phone call letting me know I had won a prize in the raffle, a set of earrings and a pin. Later that afternoon, I found out that I was the winner of a $10 gift certificate to one of my favorite thrift stores, Full Circle in Eliot. Then that evening Will and I went to the program on the history of ski manufacturing in Maine and darned if I didn't win one of the door prizes, a YOPP Clandestine Skis t-shirt! And I'll add that I've recently beaten Doreen Johnson twice in a row at Words With Friends, something that rarely happens, so I'm clearly on some sort of winning streak, and I should probably be buying lottery tickets or something.

It sounds like the food scrap recycling program will be getting underway this weekend. The goals of the program are to divert tonnage from landfills and help us make progress toward recycling 50 percent of our household waste, a target the state set back in 1989. The more residents who participate, the more successful and cost-effective the program will be.

We usually compost our non-meat food scraps, but it's difficult to do in the winter, so I'm looking forward to having this alternative. It's a bonus that the program will also accept meat scraps, which I don't put in our compost pile.

It's one more step toward living lightly on the earth, so along with recycling your paper, plastic, glass, and cans (we're all doing that, right?), start separating out those food scraps!

Many of you may know that Henry Stewart fell ill in late October while he and Pat were visiting Egypt. Henry has been hospitalized in Frankfurt, Germany for the past month, but will be able to return to Boston this week to continue his recovery. Thoughts and prayers from their Greenwood neighbors are very welcome, as well as cards sent to Henry at 150 Appleton St., Boston, MA 02116.

Have a good week! Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

"A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together." – Garrison Keillor

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By LIN CHAPMAN

Hugh and I picked up Sidney in Gorham, N.H. the day after Thanksgiving to do some shopping. We had to stop for breakfast at Welch's in Gorham before heading to Bethel.

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Saturday, December 3
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Cookies with Santa and Tree Lighting
Woodstock Elementary School
Saturday, December 3
6-7pm. Santa lights the Town of Woodstock's Christmas tree, then the fire department brings him over to Woodstock Elementary School where you can have cookies with him.

Breakfast with Santa
at Crescent Park School
Saturday, December 3
Pancake breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and book sale to benefit the 5th Grade Class trip to Boston. 8am-1pm.

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Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser
Saturday, December 3
One hour of classic holiday movies sponsored by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100. Tickets are $6. 100% of the ticket sales will be donated to the Bethel Community Food Pantry. There will be a LuLaRoe Boutique; a portion of sales will go to the Food Pantry. 12:30-1:30pm at The Gem Theater.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
Saturday, December 3
Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by River View Resort.

Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk
Saturday, December 3
Watch Main Street businesses light up one-by-one as carolers walk up Main Street towards the town common to light the Christmas tree. Carolers will be giving bells (donated by Bevin Bells) to tie to an ankle. Santa accompanies the parade of carolers on a fire truck. Meet at Philbrook Place by 3:45pm to participate. Tree lighting on the common will take place at approximately 4:45 pm.

Santa Sunday at Sunday River
Sunday, December 4
250 Santas hit the slopes to raise money for the Sunday River Community Fund.
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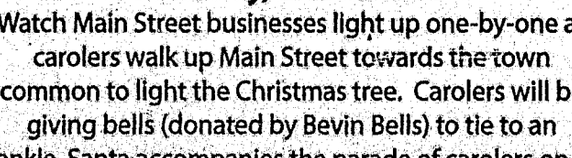
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 4
4-6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.



Local shops have something for everyone on Santa's list!

1. Local businesses are more likely to re-invest the dollars that you spend in the community.
2. Save time! Instead of spending time driving, spend time getting to know your local shopkeepers.
3. Support local producers. Locally-owned shops often stock locally-sourced products, creating value all the way down the line.

Happy Shopping!

Buttermilk Sugar Cookies

2 cups sugar
2 cups shortening
4 eggs, beaten
1 tbsp vanilla extract
2 cups buttermilk
6 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
16 oz. container buttercream frosting
Optional: colored sugar or sprinkles

Blend together sugar, shortening, and eggs. Add vanilla and buttermilk. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir into sugar mixture. Add more flour as needed to make a firm dough. Chill for 2 to 3 hours or overnight. On a floured surface, roll out dough to a quarter-inch thickness. Cut out with cookie cutters and place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes. Let cool. Frost and decorate as desired. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

Cream Cheese Bar Cookies

2¼ cups all-purpose flour, divided
1½ cups butter, softened and divided
½ cup sugar
½ cup cornstarch
4 eggs
16 oz. pkg brown sugar
½ tsp baking powder
3 tsp vanilla extract, divided
½ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup sweetened flaked coconut
8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
16 oz. pkg powdered sugar

Combine 2 cups flour, 1 cup butter, half-cup sugar and cornstarch with a pastry blender or 2 forks until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Press mixture evenly into an ungreased 15"x10" jelly roll pan and bake at 350 degrees for 18 minutes. Beat eggs, brown sugar, remaining quarter-cup flour, baking powder, and 2 teaspoons vanilla at medium speed with an electric mixer until blended, then stir in walnuts and coconut. Spread on top of crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until set. Let cool in pan on a wire rack. While cooling, combine cream cheese, half-cup butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla in a bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until blended. Spread on top of cooled cookies. Cut into bars. Makes 3½ to 4 dozen.

White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies

½ cup butter, softened
¾ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar, packed
1 egg, beaten
1 tsp vanilla extract
1¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
½ cup white chocolate chips

Beat butter in a large bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugars, beating until combined. Add egg and vanilla, beat until smooth. Combine flour, baking powder and baking soda. Gradually add to sugar mixture, beating well. Stir in cranberries and chocolate chips. Shape dough into 1½-inch balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 14 minutes or until golden. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes 2½ dozen.

Holly Wreaths

½ cup butter
30 marshmallows
¼ to 1 tsp green food coloring
4½ cups corn flake cereal
⅓ cup red cinnamon candies

Melt butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Add food coloring and mix well. Gently stir in cereal to coat well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased aluminum foil and form into wreath shapes. Decorate with cinnamon candies for holly berries while still warm. Makes 1 to 1½ dozen.

Delectable Peanut Butter Squares

½ cup butter
½ cup brown sugar, packed
2 cups creamy or crunchy peanut butter
1 tsp vanilla extract
2½ cups powdered sugar
6 oz. pkg semi-sweet chocolate chips

Melt butter in a large saucepan over low heat, stirring to prevent burning. Add brown sugar and stir until completely dissolved. Add peanut butter and vanilla and mix thoroughly. Add powdered sugar, stir well. Press mixture into 13"x9" baking pan sprayed with non-stick vegetable oil spray and let cool. Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler over low heat and spread evenly over peanut butter layer. Let cool completely. Cut into squares. Makes 1 to 2 dozen.

Elf Thumbprints

1 cup butter, room temperature
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, room temperature, separated
1 tsp vanilla extract
⅛ tsp salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup raspberry jam

Combine butter and sugar in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on high speed for 3 minutes. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Add flour and salt. Mix just until combined. Cover and chill dough for 30 minutes. Roll dough into one-inch balls. Place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Press each cookie very gently with your thumb to make a well in the center. Spoon ½ teaspoon jam into each well. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, until slightly firm. Cool on baking sheets for a few minutes. Remove to a wire rack and finish cooling. Makes 2 dozen.

Gingerbread Men

1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 cup molasses
2 tbsp ground ginger
Optional: ¼ cup crystallized ginger, finely chopped
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
5 cups all-purpose flour, divided

Blend together butter, sugar, and molasses. Stir in ginger and crystallized ginger, if using. In a large bowl, combine baking soda, salt and one cup flour and add to butter mixture. Stir in remaining flour, quarter-cup at a time and knead by hand as it becomes stiff. Knead until well blended. Roll out onto a lightly-floured surface to about quarter-inch thick. Cut out desired shapes and arrange on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

Low-Sugar Cut-Outs

1 cup butter, softened
1 cup powdered low-calorie sugar blend for baking
2 eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
Optional: colored sugar

With an electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter until creamy. Gradually add sugar blend, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well. Stir in vanilla. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add to butter mixture. Divide dough in half. Pat each half into a circle and wrap with plastic wrap. Chill for one hour, until somewhat firm. Roll out 1/8-inch thick on a lightly floured surface, one half of the dough at a time. Cut out with cooing cutters. Place on lightly greased baking sheets. Sprinkle lightly with colored sugar, if desired. Bake at 325 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly golden around the edges. Cool slightly on baking sheets, remove to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 2½ dozen cookies.

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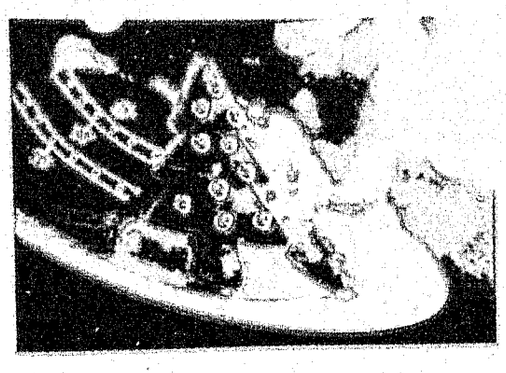
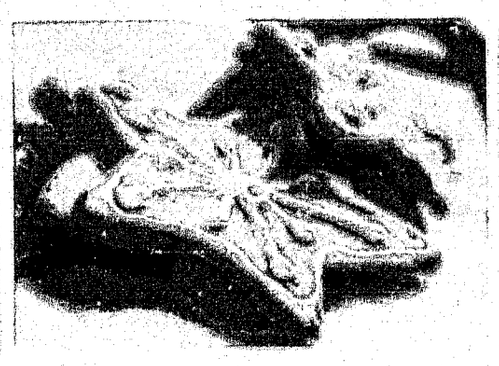
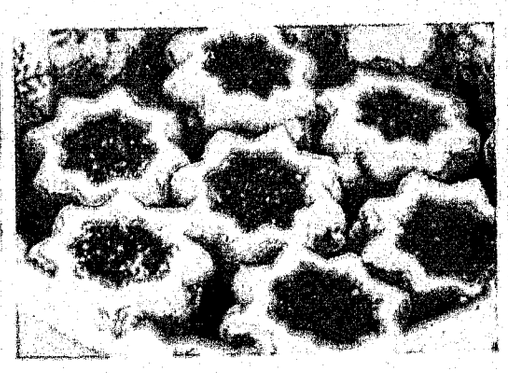
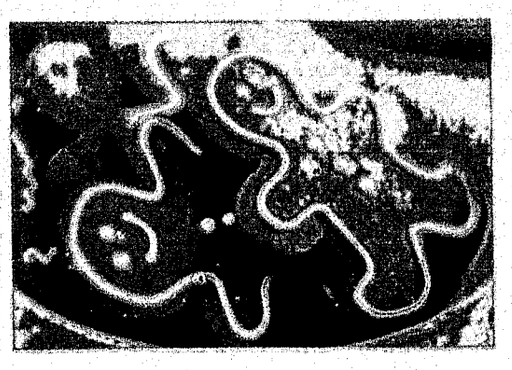

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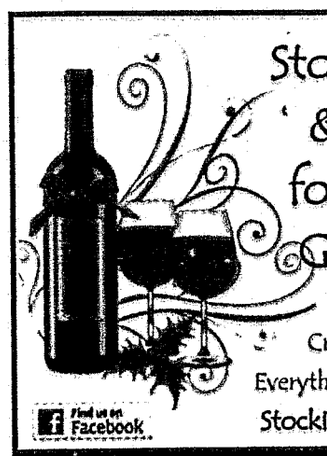

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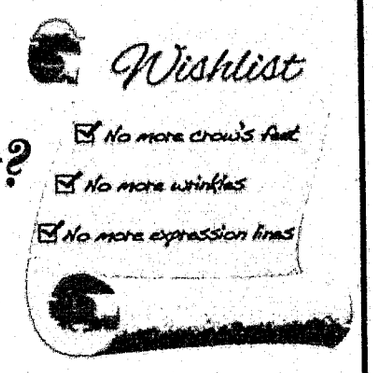

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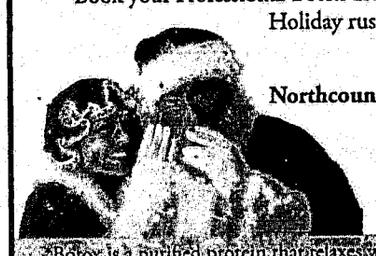

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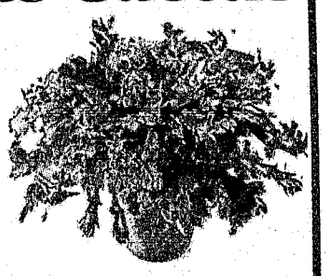

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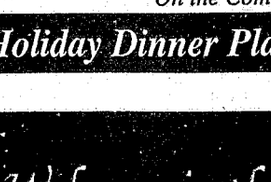

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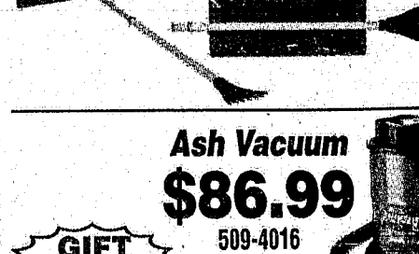

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Christmas Tree Facts

One of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday season, Christmas trees can be seen in private homes, public spaces and many prominent locations beginning each December. Christmas trees come in all shapes and sizes, and families may prefer certain types of trees, including aromas, needle types and fullness.

Christmas trees have a diverse history. The following are some facts about Christmas trees that holiday celebrants may or may not be familiar with.

Many harvested Christmas trees do not grow in the wild, but are raised on farms. Christmas trees are an agricultural product.

Roughly one million acres are dedicated to tree farming.

Approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year.

The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington.

It can take as many as 15 years for a tree to grow to the typical height required of a Christmas tree.

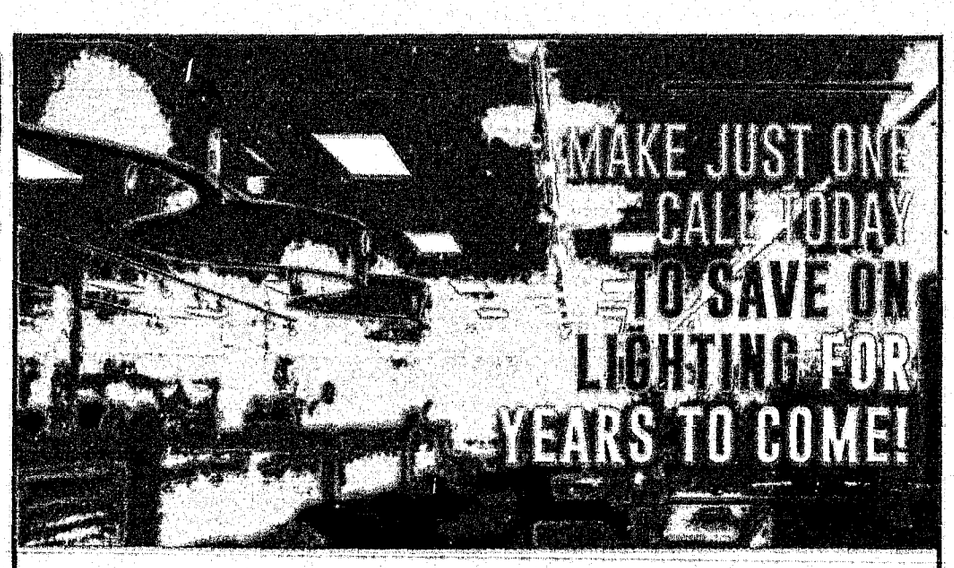
Every state in the United States grows Christmastrees.

Germans are credited with bringing the first Christmas trees into the home and decorating them in the spirit of Christmas. The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century.

Tree farms are beneficial to the environment because they reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air and help counter global warming.

The most common Christmas tree species are balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.

Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch.



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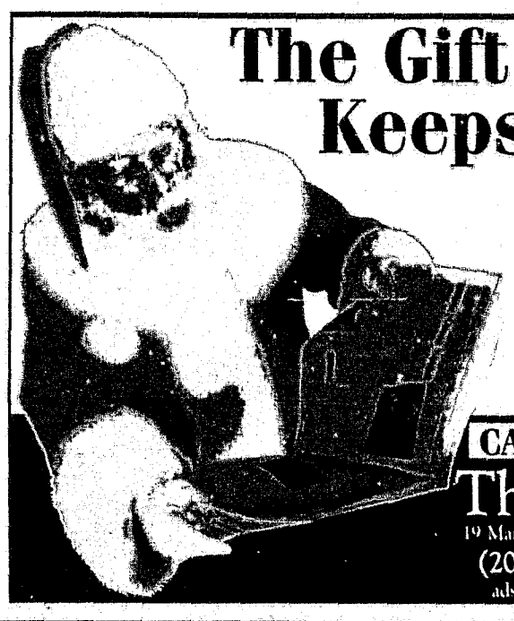

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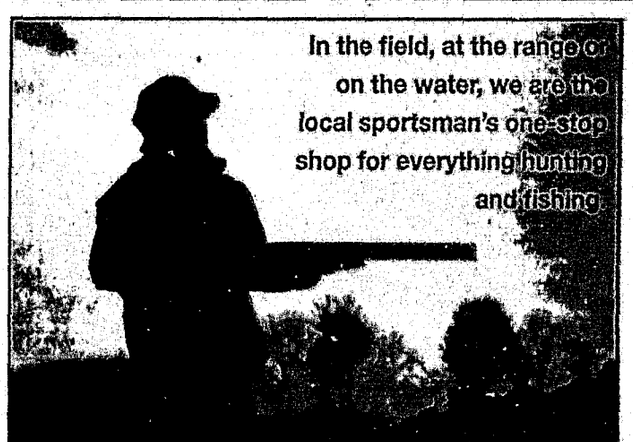

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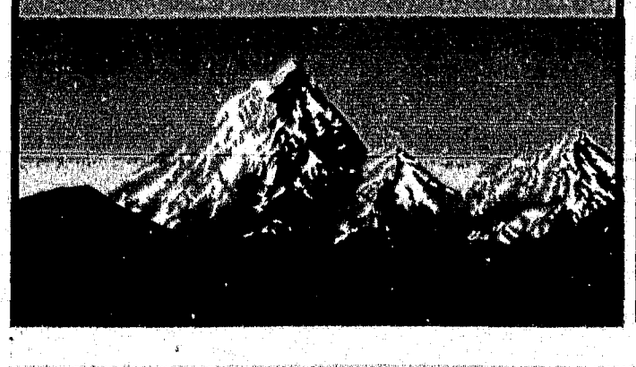

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We went to the Wares Fair in Bethel and then on to Maine Line Products. Sidney had to get some fudge! Then back home to wrap a few presents before heading back to Gorham.

While we were at the Wares Fair, we ran into a few familiar faces. Cathy Newell was visiting with Audrey Brooke, who had a craft table set up beside her daughter, Seneca Corriveau. Peter and Mary Ellen Gartner were checking out items on a table when we came along. Nice to see them again. Louise Rice was by her sister, Sally's, table. They had some very interesting items for sale. One little metal sculpture of a dog was already spoken for. Rosemary Laban came along and commented on how cute it was. I can't remember everyone, but we did see Steve and Peggy Wight at one point, and then later Amy Davis was making her way through the crowd.

I got a call at the end of the day with news that Sidney and I had won a couple of items from the Chamber raffle table.

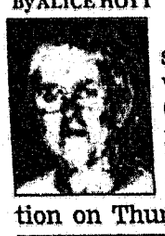
Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele Chapman's for Thanksgiving dinner. It was great getting together with Leo and Ann Croteau, and the grandchildren, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman. Great company and good food.

Our grandson, Ensign Benjamin Chapman, sent us an email to wish us a happy Thanksgiving. He was unable to call since he is out to sea on the USCG Cutter that he is assigned to that is based in Florida.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Woodstock Fire Station on Thursday, Dec. 1 for a meeting, Christmas tree exchange of gifts and dinner put on by the fire department. If you wish to exchange gifts bring one and also an item for Christmas for Kids. The meeting starts at 11:30. New members are always welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall on Monday, Nov. 21. Business was discussed. Laura reported on State Grange, which she attended. During the program, Christine explained what a lecturer does. It was voted to have the December meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Grange hall with a supper before and an exchange of gifts and cards after.

The Whitman Memorial Library program is Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. The Oxford Hills Ukelele Group with Jim Burke on the keyboard will lead a Christmas singalong. They are back by popular demand. This program is open to the public and holiday refreshments will be served.

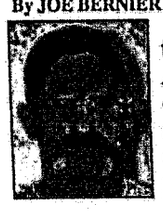
Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:30 for all ages, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Mid-week services is Wednesday at 6:30, also Bloom for Girls (13-18 years) and Foundation for Guys (15 and up.) Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. there will be a special Christmas party for the church family with snacks, give aways and a Yankee-swap. Bring a gift ($50 or under) to exchange.

Sympathy is extended to the Ricker family on the passing of their father, Sanford Ricker.

The Christmas tree on the common will be lit on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. followed by Cookies with Santa at the Woodstock school.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid Association has served Sunday breakfasts January through March for several years. I have not heard whether they will continue the tradition in 2017.

Winter has made a few feeble attempts to show itself. I hope it keeps trying and has more success soon. With help from Neil, my firewood is all done for the year.

Did you remember to dance a snow dance at noon on Thanksgiving Day?

The game camera that I have set up has taken pictures of a few different animal species. Most pictures are of coyotes under the apple trees, some are of my son's dog, a few are of does, and the surprise pictures are of porcupines. I haven't seen a porcupine here in at least two years, but the camera took some pictures with two of them having a snack. I did not realize that porcupines ate apples.

I wonder if Nita and Vance have recovered from having 28 Berniers at their home for Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, Nov. 19. I do hope they are okay and I thank them for the great meal and for being such wonderful hosts.

Thanks also to Jennie and Eric for another great Thanksgiving dinner at their home on Thanksgiving Day.

Somehow, it is December. Wow, the year flew by.

Please send an email to backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Remember last week Katrina and I got the walls, and about one-third of the roof of her new plastic shed assembled, before knocking off for the day? Katrina then missed the next two working days due to medical appointments and working at the Bethel Inn. We had intended to make sure we put more and bigger screws in the floor because the ones provided were too short. We also planned to finish installing the remaining roof panels. Too late! Mona and I awoke Sunday morning (I think it was) after it had rained and the wind had blown terribly overnight. Mona called me over to the window and said: "Katrina's shed looks like the walls are crooked!" Sure enough, there was a definite southeasterly cant on the northwest corner of the shed.

When I went out to get our paper, I walked down to get a good look at the shed. That wind had swung the whole shed, floor and all about three feet in the counterclockwise direction so that the southwest corner was completely off the edge of the plywood and two by four base and resting on the ground! The plastic floor was still intact but badly bent. Next day I tried to figure how I could use my Kubota to raise the corner of the shed and push it back onto the base. After Kate had come up, we got out a new 12 foot long two by four, some short pieces of boards and a crowbar to attempt to lift and push the shed back into its proper place, figuring that since the shed materials weighed over 500 pounds, we'd have to use the tractor. The trouble is, the sloping terrain and the thin plastic floor made using the tractor impractical. Finally, by putting a short piece of board under the "off" corner and putting the end of the crowbar and two by four under the board to keep the plastic floor straight, I pried the corner up high enough that Kate was able to push the whole shed back onto the base. A little "persuading" with a piece of board and a big sledgehammer finally got the whole building readjusted to its proper position.

By nightfall, we had the roof panels all on and screwed in place, and Kate put about two pounds of BIG screws through the floor and into the base. Working in our spare time, we had screwed anchor rods into the ground by the four corners and pinned the base to the rods and completed most of the finishing touches on the following Sunday. Now, Kate is hauling the contents of her old sheds in town out here and filling the new shed. With all of this, we are confident that nothing short of a hurricane or tornado will move the shed again!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

I apologize for not getting my column in on time. I didn't know until Monday morning that our columns were due Sunday evening. Guess I should check my computer more often.

Went to the Rotary Breakfast on Sunday at Gould. It was nice to see people outside of my house or the Coop. I even got to eat something different than my own cooking or David's, although he doesn't cook breakfast unless one of the grandkids is over for a visit. In any case, breakfast was a nice change.

The Norway Historical Society is once again holding a "Christmas Shop at the Society" on Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Stores are to be open on Main St. from 4-7 p.m. Stop in to enjoy the society and what they have to offer for the holidays at the society on 471 Main St., Norway.

Norway Library's open house will be on Dec. 9 from 5-7:30 p.m. The public is invited to join in the festivities with refreshments and gift ideas, including calendars and book bags, journals. FMI call the library at 743-5309.

Town lights and Christmas Tree will be lit on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. Assistance is welcome. FMI call the Town Office at 743-6651.

Friday, Dec. 2, Western Maine Art Group will host its annual Christmas Party at the Matolcsy Art Center at 480 Main St., Norway. Open house will be from 5-8 p.m. Painting will be sold as a fundraiser for the Art Group. Mike Draper will provide live music.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and enjoy whatever weather we shall get be is rain or snow or both.

Teddy Bear Dance Dec. 10 in Paris

Last year at the Teddy Bear dance the Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club collected over 200 stuffed toys for Community Concepts' "Right Start for Kids" in the Oxford Hills Area.

The club has been having its December dance dedicated to this cause for over 50 years.

This year the date is Dec. 10. Club caller Ray Hilton, will be calling the dance and has announced that it will be a class level dance for all beginner dancers that started lessons in September.

There will also be mainstream dancing for those who have learned all the calls for that level, and there will be one plus tip for the advanced dancers. Carol Arsenault will cue for the Round Dancing. Non-dancers are invited to attend at no charge.

Admission fee for dancers is $7 per person. There will be refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

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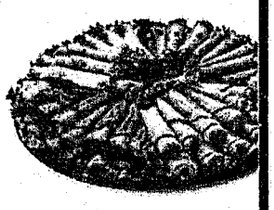

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Telstar High School
GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	Time
December			
5	Gould Academy	Away	4:00
7	Pine Tree	Home	5:30
14	Kent's Hill	Away	5:45
January			
7	Kent's Hill	Home	5:45

More games are forthcoming. All events are subject to change.

Telstar High School
BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	JV/V Time
December			
3	Sacopee	Away	TBA
7	Pine Tree (ONE GAME)	Home	7:00
12	Mt. Abram	Home	5:30/7:00
15	Hall-Dale	Home	5:30/7:00
17	Madison	Home	2:00/3:30
20	Mtn. Valley	Away	5:30/7:00
23	Oak Hill	Home	5:30/7:00
27	Winthrop	Away	5:30/7:00
29	Boothbay	Home	2:00/3:30
January			
5	Lisbon	Home	5:30/7:00
7	Dirigo	Away	4:00/5:30
10	Monmouth	Away	5:30/7:00
12	Wiscasset	Away	5:30/7:00
17	Carrabec	Home	5:30/7:00
19	Winthrop	Home	5:30/7:00
24	Dirigo	Home	5:30/7:00
27	Lisbon	Away	5:30/7:00
31	Hall-Dale	Away	5:00/6:30
February			
3	Carrabec	Away	5:30/7:00
7	Oak Hill	Away	5:30/7:00

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Telstar High School
NORDIC SKIING

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	BOYS/GIRLS TIMES
December			
17	3-5K Freestyle	Sugarloaf	11:00/1:00
January			
4	5K Freestyle	Black Mtn.	3:00/TBA
7	Relays, 3K Freestyle	Telstar	11:00 start
14	Hornet Classic 5K	Leavitt	10:30/12:00
21	Waves 5K Freestyle	Maranacook	1:00/2:30
25	Oxford Hills 5K Classic	Roberts Farm	3:00 start
28	Sassi 5K Memorial Classic	Black Mtn.	11:00/1:00
February			
4	OH Sprints or Flying Moose	Sunny Croft Farm or Bethel	TBA
8	MVC Championship Day 1 5K Classic	Black Mtn (storm date 2/9)	2:20/3:20 (Mass start)
11	MVC Championship Day 2 5K Freestyle Pursuit	Black Mtn (storm date 2/14)	2:00/3:00
14	Sweetheart Relays	Spruce Mtn.	3:00
March			
4	U16/EHSC Qualifier Classical/Freestyle	Black Mtn.	10:00
10-12	U16 Championships	Titcomb	TBA
17-19	EHSC	Mtn. Top	TBA

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Telstar Middle School
ALPINE SKIING

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
January			
6	GS	Black Mtn.	3:00
10	GS	Sugarloaf	10:00
18	SL	Lost Valley	5:00
21	SL	Titcomb	9:00
24	GS	Sugarloaf	10:00
25	GS	Black Mtn.	3:00
February			
1	GS	Sunday River or Titcomb	1:00 or 4:00
3	SL	Black Mtn.	3:00
7	GS	Lost Valley	5:00

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Telstar Middle School
GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	JV/V Time
December			
12	Buckfield (ONE GAME)	Away	3:30
14	Dirigo	Away	3:30
19	Mtn. Valley	Away	3:30
20	Oxford Hills (ONE GAME)	Home	4:45
January			
6	Buckfield (ONE GAME)	Home	3:30
9	Berlin, NH (JV ONLY)	Home	3:30
9	Berlin, NH (V ONLY)	Away	3:30
11	Buckfield (ONE GAME)	Away	4:45
23	Mtn. Valley	Home	3:30
27	Berlin, NH (V ONLY)	Home	3:30
27	Berlin, NH (JV ONLY)	Away	3:30

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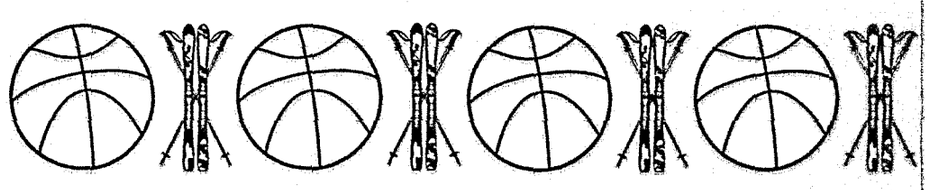

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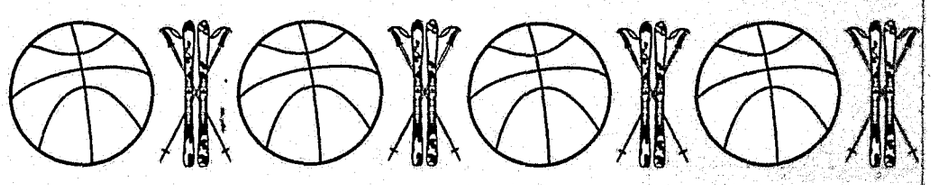

Telstar Middle School
NORDIC SKIING

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
December			
27	Black Mtn. Sprint	Black Mtn.	TBA
January			
7	CMSC Skate Race	Waterville	11:00
13	Classic	Black Mtn.	1:00
18	Skate	Telstar	3:00
25	Skate	Titcomb	3:00
28	Jr. Sassi	Black Mtn.	9:00
February			
1	Skate	Maranacook	3:00
9	Skate	Tripp Relays	1:30
25	Skate	Titcomb Night Race	6:00

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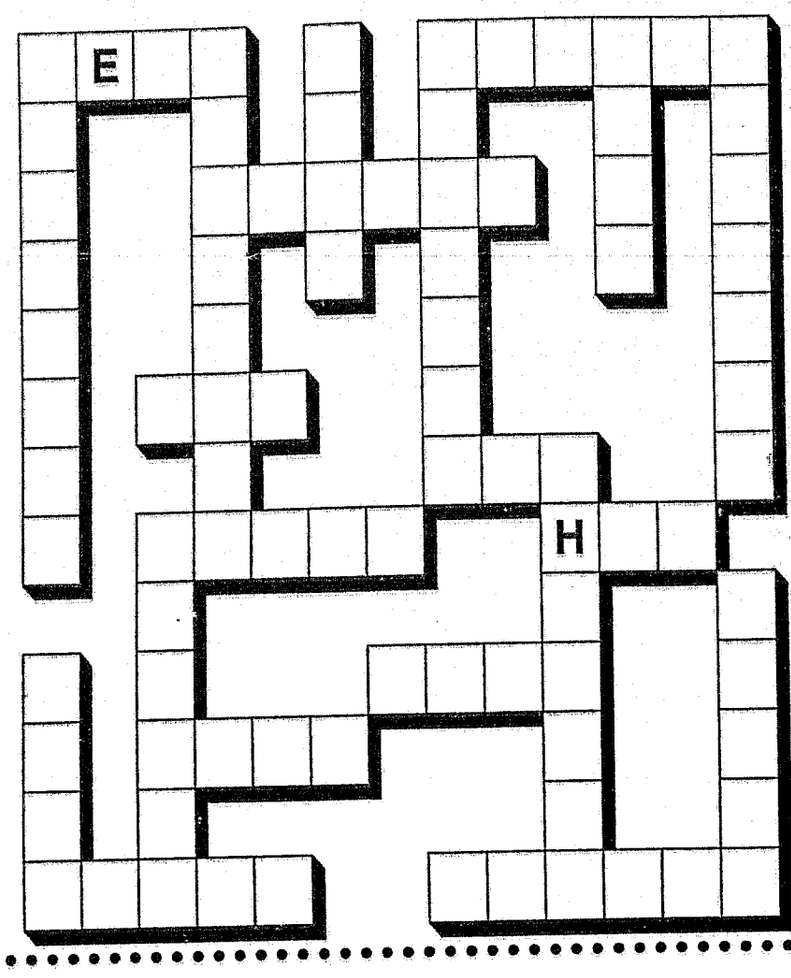
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – SEW WHAT?

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
CUT
HEM
PIN
4 Letters
DART
IRON
KNOT
SEAM
SNAP
TRIM
5 Letters
PATCH
PLEAT
STYLE
6 Letters
EDGING
NEEDLE
POCKET
THREAD
7 Letters
ELASTIC
GARMENT
THIMBLE
8 Letters
MATERIAL
SCISSORS



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Spring BUNCOE
Model DUGIE
Peep CANGLE
Chance MODARN

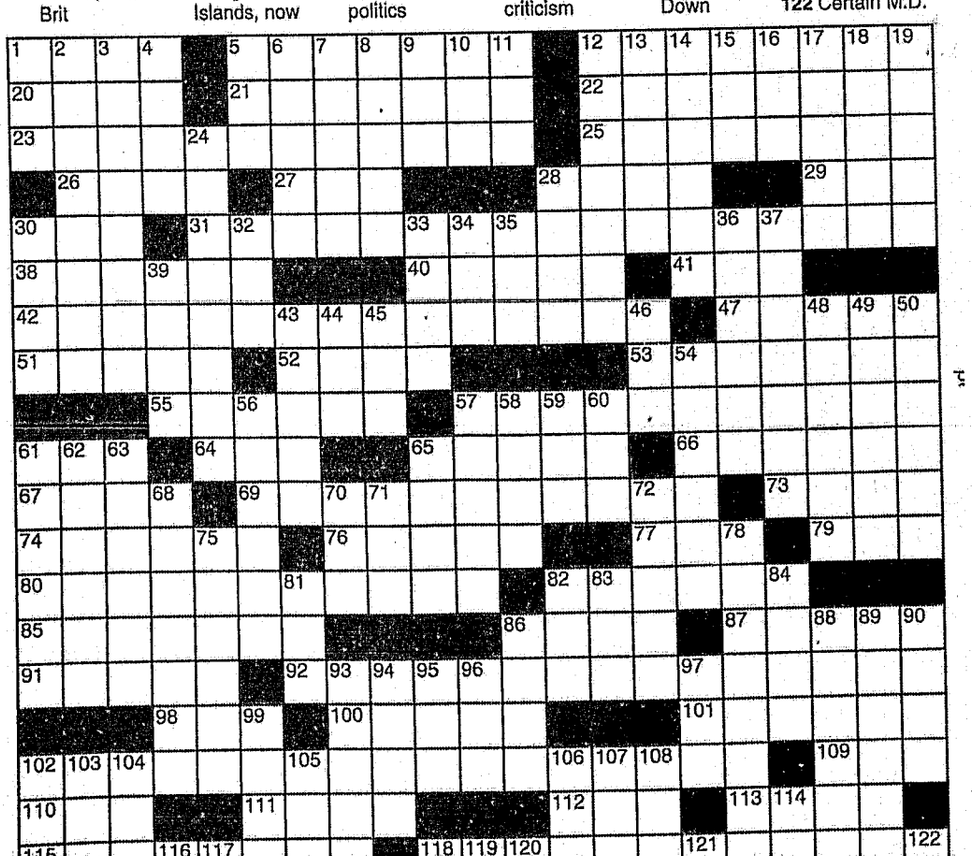
"And do you, Alfred, promise to take out the _____ without having to be told?"

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword — NOTED PHRASES

ACROSS
1 Neighbor of Chile
5 Chemist's outerwear
12 Some captives
20 Copies
21 Magic's city
22 Fearmonger
23 Centennial State pageant winner
25 Start to chew
26 Clinic fluids
27 Enjoy a meal
28 DVR biggie
29 Baste, e.g.
30 Text giggle
31 Output of Tolkien
38 Highly skilled people
40 Prudential competitor
41 "— found it!"
42 Member of a noted racecar-driving family
47 Surplus item
51 Be a cast member of
52 Oklahoma tribe member
53 Placed in the middle, to a Brit
55 The NBA's "King James"
57 120-Down character Sarducci
61 Uru. neighbor
64 Wildlife lair
65 Proverb
66 Add liberally
67 Most August newborns
69 Popular energy drink
73 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
74 Rome's country, in French
76 "Für —" (piano piece)
77 Sun, e.g.
79 — Moines, Iowa
80 Prism, cone or sphere
82 Beach shoe
85 Stands for hot dishes
86 Melody
87 "Salud!," say
91 Dutch genre painter Jan
92 Port-au-Prince's land
98 No. on a road sign
100 Navigator Islands, now
101 Cry upon release
102 1991 Denzel Washington film
109 Gave a meal
110 Hubbub
111 Chiang Mai native
112 Johnny —
113 Pool coverer
115 Open ocean
118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's eight theme phrases
123 Bel Air resident, e.g.
124 Funicello of the screen
125 Cry in church
126 Nonclerical females
127 "Possibly"
128 Veg out, say

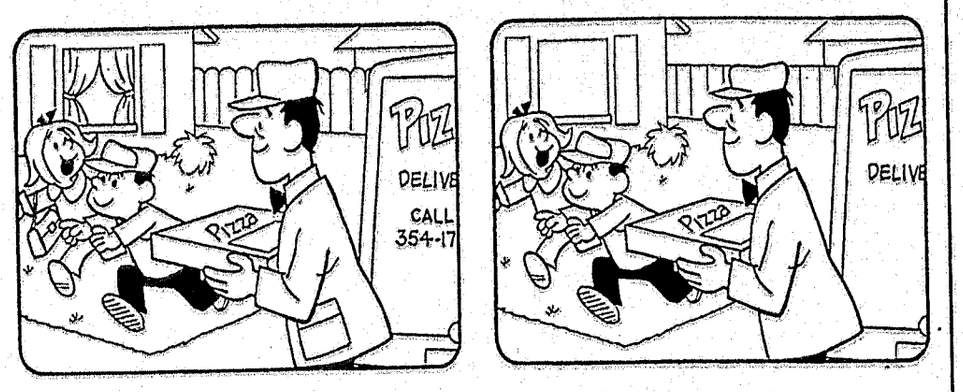
DOWN
1 Cook's spray
2 Like serials
3 Pick again
4 KGB funder
5 Lav, in Bath
6 Specter in politics
7 Make swollen
8 Magna — 9 — par with
10 Stick in
11 Moreover
12 Natural home
13 With 84-Down, lunchmeat with pimiento
14 Goal in Zen Buddhism
15 Uno plus due
16 French bud
17 Knife of TV ads
18 Oxalate, e.g.
19 Vermont ski town
24 Wearing a lounge robe
28 Color a little
30 Tibetan priest
32 Ending for enzymes
33 She sang "Smooth Operator"
34 "— darn tootin'!"
35 4G — (T-Mobile offering)
36 Retaliate
37 Like some criticism
39 Singer Ochs
43 Actor Greene
44 — -Z
45 Luc's denial
46 Chilling stuff
48 Camera stand
49 Fixed up
50 Studmuffin
54 West Germany's Ludwig
56 Deprived
57 Not genuine
58 Wheel turner
59 Little jerk
60 Patients' gp.
61 First groups of invitees
62 Snappy reply
63 Net minder
65 California's — Woods
68 Splinters
70 MBA, say
71 — -ray Disc
72 Feature of the word "go"
75 — -Kit (police tool)
78 Tub traction aids
81 Medit. land
82 "Or — hear"
83 From way back: Abbr.
84 See 13-Down
86 Shut angrily
88 Structure of a plane without the engine
89 Belfry locales
90 Knotted
93 Quarterback Boomer
94 Spanish for "daddy"
95 Ball caller
96 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)
97 Chick- — -A
99 Hold dear
102 Taj —
103 Singer Menzel
104 Drenched
105 1953 Alan Ladd title role
106 Disney mermaid
107 Religious branches
108 Die down
114 Rent- —
116 Chop down
117 — -mo
118 Animal gullet
119 A, in France
120 '75 TV debut
121 Ang of film
122 Certain M.D.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Curtains are missing. 2. Purse is missing. 3. Fence top is different. 4. Cap is different. 5. Pocket is missing. 6. Telephone number is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **E** equals **I**

E RWXL F TPTKEND LEDV DLCKGC GCVETKCN XS QESSCMCWD NEHCN. CGCMPOXQP TFKKN ED F OERCM'N QXHCW.

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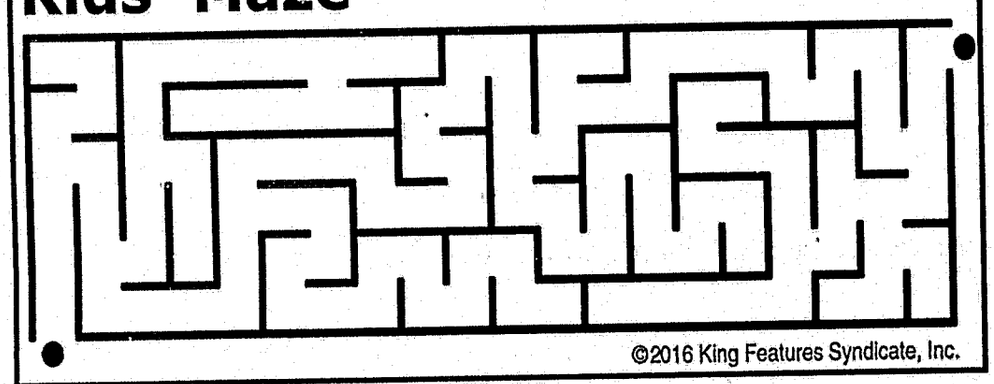
Kids' Maze



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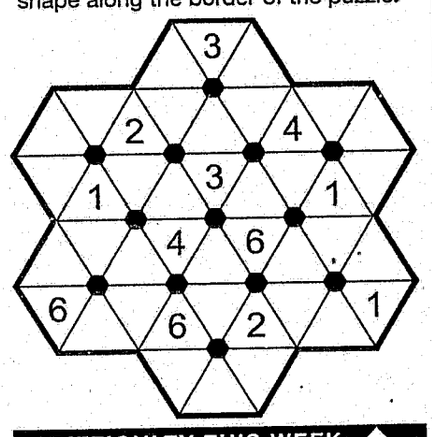
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5		9	3		4		
		7			8			1
9			5				3	
4		2			3	7		
		8		2		6		4
	7		6		5		8	
2				1			6	
	1			9	2	3		
		3	4					9

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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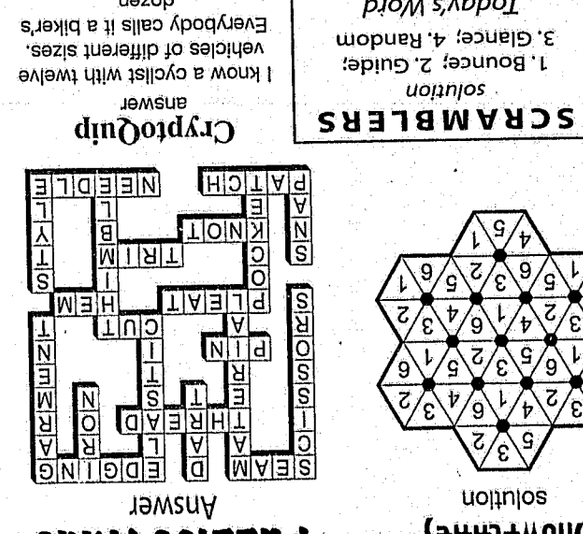

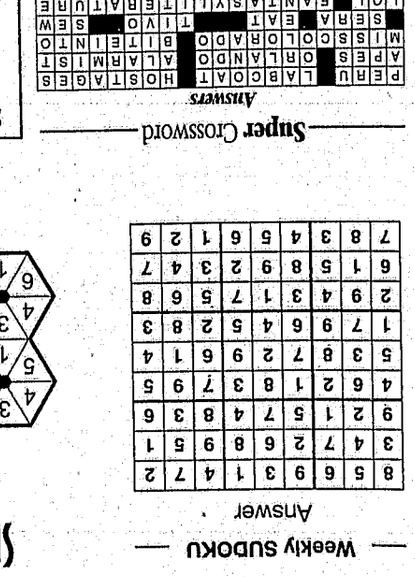

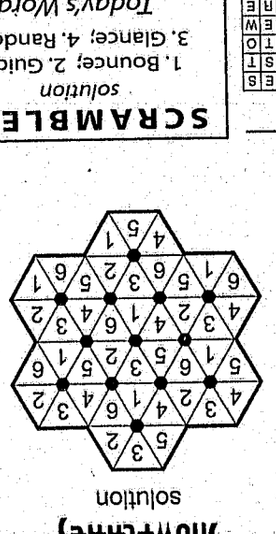

ANSWERS:

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

SNOWFLAKES solution

PUZZLES4KIDS Answer

Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Bounce; 2. Guide; 3. Glance; 4. Random
GARBAGE
Today's Word

CryptoQuip answer
I know a cyclist with twelve vehicles of different sizes. Everybody calls it a biker's dozen.

— Super Crossword — Answers

Age-Friendly Community news

The Telstar tech-help program has restarted! On Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:30-4 p.m., two High School students are available in the Telstar Adult Ed office for drop-in technology help. With or without an appointment, you may bring your device-related problems, and they can probably help you.

Are you a family caregiver? It's a tough job, and often caregivers can benefit from a support group. Karen Jordan Paul has offered to pull together such a group in our area. FMI: paulkmarie@gmail.com.

Discouraged with these shorter days and colder weather? Continuing (or beginning) a fitness routine makes a huge difference! The 24-7 gym on the Bethel Parkway has a wide range of machines available, and senior discounts are great: $10 a month or $25 for three months. FMI: 824-4766.

And a new free program for all adults aged 55 and over in the greater Bethel area! Thanks to a partnership between Gould Academy, the Age-Friendly Community Initiative (AFCI), and the Bethel Recreation Department, the Bingham Gym will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-2:30. Walk (gym-type shoes) in this well-lit, warm space, and bring an iPod/iPhone, and earbuds if you like walking to music. While the focus will be on walking at your own pace, there will be guest leaders who will offer exercise tips and instruction in qi gong, walking meditation, and the use of light weights, depending on the interests of participants. Suggestions for other activities are welcome.

The program began on Nov. 29 and will continue on Dec. 1, 6 and 8 before taking a break and commencing on Jan. 10. FMI: Jackie Cressy (rivendellhousebnb@me.com, 824-0508)

TELSTAR SENIOR SOCCER PLAYER Kellen True (center) was chosen by coaches who competed against him to participate in the Maine Soccer Coaches Annual Senior Bowl at Husson University Nov. 13. True scored two goals for the South All-Stars, who defeated the North All-Stars 9-5. Players from the different classes (A,B,C) played in different portions of the game. *Koley True*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 1

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens; Meeting at Woodstock Fire Station. There will be an exchange of gifts (man - man and woman - woman.) Please bring gifts for Kids for Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 2

Activity Night; Telstar Middle School, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cookies with Santa and Tree Lighting; Woodstock Elementary School, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Santa lights Woodstock's Christmas tree; then the Fire Department brings him over to Woodstock Elementary School where you can have cookies with him.

Adult Mental Health First Aid; Fryeburg at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street. This course is for anyone age 16 or older who lives, works or interacts with a person age 18 or over and wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health challenge. The courses are free to participants with a $5 lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to http://www.namimaine.org events or call NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Christmas Tree Lighting; 6 p.m. on the common in Bryant Pond. Following cookies with Santa at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Rabies Clinic; At the Bethel Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $16, and payment must be made in cash only. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs from Bethel, Albany, and Mason residents. Licensing fees are $11 per dog or $6 for spayed or neutered dogs.

Annual Christmas Fair & Tea; This annual event at West Parish Congregational Church will be held from 1-4 p.m. Get into the Christmas spirit as you enjoy a relaxing time with friends and neighbors around the tea table. At the fair, you will find many gift items and things to enjoy: cookies at the Cookie Walk, Tiny Treasures, Christmas decorations, crafts and knitted items. A special addition this year will be gifts from Kenya, the proceeds from which will benefit Kakamega Orphan Care Center.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by River View Resort.

Breakfast with Santa-Crescent Park School; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and book sale to benefit the fifth-grade class trip to Boston.

Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk; 3:45 p.m-5 p.m. Watch Main Street businesses light up one-by-one as carolers walk toward the town common to light the Christmas tree. Carolers will be given bells (donated by Bevin Bells) to tie to an ankle. Santa accompanies the parade of carolers on a fire truck. Meet at Philbrook Place by 3:45 p.m. to participate. Tree lighting on the common will take place at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser; One hour of classic holiday movies sponsored by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100. Tickets $6. 100 percent of ticket sales will be donated to the Bethel Community Food Pantry. There will be a LuLaRoe Boutique. A portion of sales will go to the Food Pantry. At The Gem Theater, 23 Cross St., Bethel. 207-824-8248. http://www.thegemtheater.com/products/classic-holiday-movie-fundraiser-12-3-16-12-30

Annual Meeting of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District; First Congregational Church of Paris, South Paris. Starting at 5:30, there will be a time for visiting, followed by dinner, awards, and entertainment. Guest speaker for the evening will be Scott Vlaun of CEBE, Center for an Ecology-Based Economy. Reservations: 743-5789, ext. 111, or by contacting us at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com

Christmas at the Mason House; The Bethel Historical Society's annual old-fashioned Christmas open house will take place at the historic Dr. Moses Mason House (corner of Broad and Mason streets). Decorated in traditional 19th-century style and lit by candles, the first-floor period rooms in Bethel Hill's oldest surviving home will be open to the public from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to step back in time as they enjoy old-style refreshments in the formal dining room and harp music performed in the parlor by Conni St. Pierre. The event is free, but donations will be welcome.

Baptist Church Christmas party; 2 p.m. Bryant Pond Baptist Church. There will be snacks, a giveaway, and a Yankee Swap.

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults $5.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Mahoosuc Community Band annual Christmas Concert; 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. Donations to defray the cost of music accepted at the door. Refreshments to follow.

The Western Maine Art Group Christmas Party; Matolcsy Art Center, 480 Main Street, Norway, from 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and live music will be provided by pianist Matt Draper. All are invited to come and meet our artists and enjoy their work. We will have an exhibit and sale of 10x10 paintings for $100 which will be our fundraiser to be used toward MAC improvements.

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 1-4 p.m. Slow jam from 1-2 p.m. Acoustic instruments welcome to play Scott, Irish, contra dance, Québécois tunes. See the Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for more info.

Monday, Dec. 5

Hanover Town Tree Lighting; 6 p.m. in front of the Town Office. Following the lighting, refreshments will be served and all are invited inside the Town Office to participate in cookie decorating. Cookies and decorating supplies will be provided. Just bring yourself and enjoy the fun! All ages are welcomed.

Dec. 6-8

Christmas Sale; Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All proceeds go to Activity Dept. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Holiday Arrangement Workshop; Join McLaughlin Garden & Homestead between 2 and 6 p.m. to create a holiday arrangement for your table. Bring a bowl or other small vessel, and we'll supply the greens and natural materials at the cost of $5 per arrangement. We will have ribbons, Oasis, and notions available for purchase.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Potluck Supper and Meeting; 6 p.m. at their clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Following the supper, club members will hold their regularly scheduled meeting. If you have questions or concerns regarding the activity of snowmobiling in Andover, please come to the meeting and potluck supper. Anyone interested in snowmobiling in the area or becoming a club member is welcome to join our supper, and Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, Dec. 8

The Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble; There will be a performance at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The instrumentation includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. There will also be two solo piano performances of Liszt and Beethoven as well as a piano and violin duet performing a work by John Williams. This concert is free and open to the public and seating is general admission. Please join us for an evening of delightful classical music.

Christmas Sing-a-long; The Oxford Hills Ukulele group, along with Jim Burke on the keyboard, back by popular demand, will be at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond at 2 p.m The program is open to the public at no charge. Holiday refreshments will be served. Come and join the fun.

Friday, Dec. 9

Christmas Sale; Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, 9 a.m.-noon. All proceeds go to Activity Dept. Donations are gratefully accepted.

West Paris Library 90th Anniversary; in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

LRCC Winter Concerts; 3 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank

Bryant Pond Baptist Church Ladies Day Out; 2 p.m. trip to Community Theater in Auburn to see " A Christmas Carol."

Swingin' Bears Teddy Bear Dance; 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria, Route 26, S. Paris. Refreshments will be served at intermission. Door Prizes. 50/50 drawing. Admission $7 per dancer. Non-dancers are welcome at no charge.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club meeting; Annual Pot Luck Holiday Party, 1 p.m. at the Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Rd, South Paris. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. OHHBC will supply ham and presents from Santa. This will be the last club meeting this year. Election of 2017 club officers will take place. FMI contact Chris at cpeaston@megalink.net or visit us at mainehoneybees.com.

Dance; 7 to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults $5.

LuLaRoe Party; held in the dining room at the Bethel United Methodist Church located at 79 Main St. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Sunday, Dec. 11

LRCC Winter Concerts; 7 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Monday, Dec. 12

Bethel selectmen's meeting; 6 p.m. at Town Office.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon; at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, noon. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixins.

Telstar High/Middle School Winter Concert; 7- 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting and dinner at the Sudbury at 11 a.m. The menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be before Dec. 1, by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. The price of a meal is $15.

Thursday, Dec. 15

Norway Memorial Library Cookie and Book Swap Program; Cookie and book swap on from 6:30-8 p.m. Participants will bring two dozen of their favorite holiday cookies to exchange. Those attending will find new recipes to add to their list of favorite cookies, and a chance to relax and socialize at the library during the busy holiday season. Also, attendees will swap gently used books. Remember to bring a container to take home your cookies and bring a copy of your recipe. To register, call the information desk at 743-5309 ext.1 or visit the library's website at www.norway.lib.me.us.

Friday, Dec.16

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course; West Parish Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens. Free to participants with a $5. lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to http://www.namimaine.org/events or call NAMI Maine: 800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains, ME affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Check it Out; Christmas Tree Lighting at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills on Dec. 17. Lights are now available in memory or honor of your loved ones at $3 per light. Please contact Jamie Hastings at 890-2812 or Susan Vacca (mainewabbits@gmail.com) or mail your donation and list to American Legion Auxiliary, P. O. Box 178, Greenwood, ME 04255 before Dec. 10.

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults $5.

Stair Chair Lift Benefit for Anita Hakala; 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke Mills. Entertainment provided by Shadagee Rambler's. Donations at the door. BYOB with beverages and hot dogs available. FMI Ray 890-3737, Dellie 515-1419, Gary 381-7231.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 1-4 p.m. Slow jam from 1-2 p.m. Acoustic instruments welcome to play Scott, Irish, contra dance, Québécois tunes. See the Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for more info.

Annual Christmas Cantata, "Shout the Good News," by LLoyd Larson, at Locke Mills Union Church. by a Community Choir and instrumentalists. 4 p.m. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.

Living Nativity; 5 p.m. Living Nativity on the Bethel Common. The retelling of the Nativity Story featuring people from the community. All welcome!

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service; 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 34 Buckfield Road, South Paris. The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with joy and celebration, but not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Those in recovery often find it a challenge to stay sober. Even those not struggling may find patience wearing thin with the stress of preparations and expectations around the season. This service provides a time and place of quiet solace and peace on the longest night of the year, and a reminder that the light does return. Please join us for a time of prayer, reflection, music and healing. All welcome.

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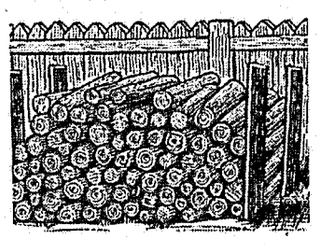

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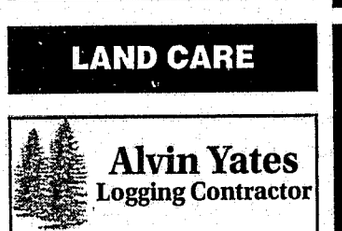

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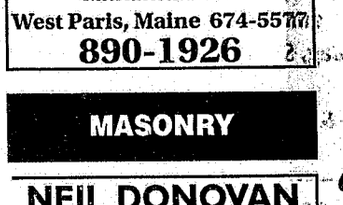

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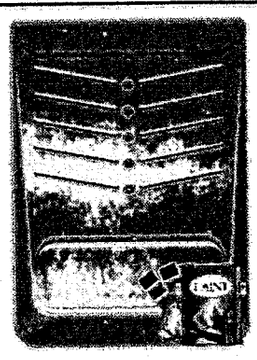

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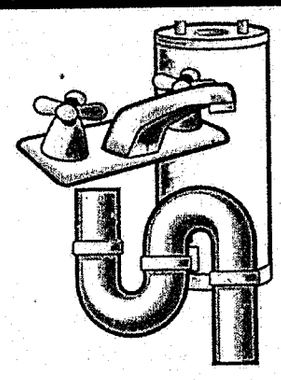

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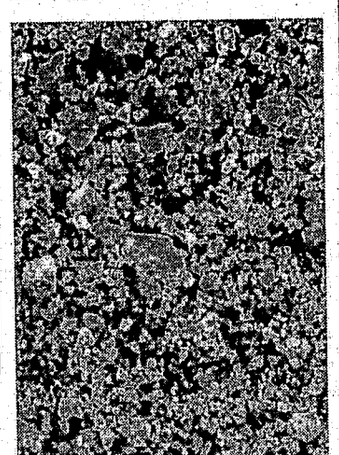

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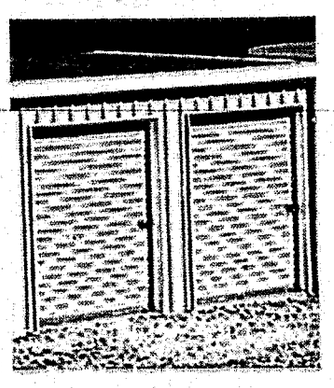

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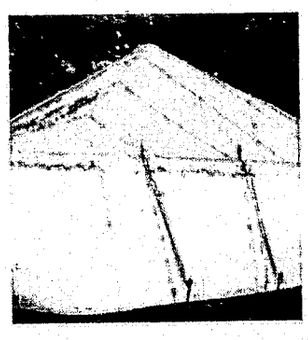

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The director of Camp Mechuwana, Norman Thoms, will be speaking at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 9 a.m. service. He will be sharing information on year-round programs that are available for children and adults.

This camp is open to all children regardless of any or no church affiliation. Merlie Butters was a long time advocate of Camp Mechuwana, and this fund is established as a way to help area children have the chance to experience a Christian camp in her memory. Anyone who would like to see children in our community have an opportunity to attend Camp Mechuwana can send their tax-deductible donations to the Bethel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 387, Bethel, ME 04217.

West Paris Library celebrates 90th

On Friday, Dec. 9, the West Paris Library will commemorate its 90th anniversary in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The lighting of the "Little Castle" every December provides an opportunity for those of all ages in the community to enjoy an evening of warmth, with food, seasonal music and good cheer.

This year, the celebration will also be a time of remembering. Patrons from over the years will have an opportunity to tell of a particular memory they have of the library, and there will be a "Memory Book" of anecdotes sent in by others. There will be photos of librarians since the 1940's.

Of special interest will be a display of copies of the original architects' drawings and plans, as well as portions of Lewis Mann's will relating to library land, and copies of the deed received by the town from the West Paris Library Association in 1971.

The land for the original library was bequeathed by West Paris resident, Lewis M. Mann, and, with funds that he and his son, Edwin J. Mann donated, the original "castle" was able to be completed in 1926. It was named to honor Lewis's deceased elder son, Arthur L. Mann.

After much planning, fund raising and hard work, including many who volunteered time and talent, a beautiful new addition was completed in 2010.

The librarian during this time, Patricia Makely, took many pictures of the building in progress, and these will be available to view.

Interspersed with the story telling of memories, Steve Moore and Shellie Leger will provide music of old-time seasonal favorites. Elaine Emery has loaned the library her Christmas Villages collection, which will be displayed throughout the winter.

All are welcome to join the Town of West Paris in celebrating the 1926 to 2016 history of its outstanding library. If you have a memory to share, either email it: librarian@westparislibrary.org, or mail to the PO Box below.

For more information, call the library: 207-674-2004.

Address: 226 Main St. PO Box 307, West Paris, ME 04289

Library hours: Monday & Friday, 1:30-6 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WMNF Christmas trees

The White Mountain National Forest, Androscoggin Ranger District has begun selling permits to cut Christmas trees through Dec. 23.

Permits may be purchased at the Androscoggin Ranger Station at 300 Glen Road in Gorham. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Tree cutting permits will also be sold in Bethel on Dec. 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Foodliner. The cost is $5 per tree permit. Only cash and checks will be accepted at all locations.

All trees are native and are not as full or shaped as those sold at commercial lots. Trees are of various species, including balsam fir and red spruce.

Safety suggestions:

- Dress warm and be prepared for changes in weather.
- Forest roads will not be plowed. We recommend you carry chains and/or use a four-wheel drive vehicle.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- A good place to look for a tree is in an old timber sale or clear-cut.

Please remember:

- Trees are for personal use only, not for resale.
- Attach your tree tag after cutting and before transporting your tree.
- Use only hand tools to cut Christmas trees. Chainsaws are not permitted.
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Conservation Commission	2	3
Ordinance Review Committee	3	1
Planning Board	1	3
Recreation Board	1	2
Water District Trustee	1	3

Obituaries

PAUL R. BODWELL

Paul R. Bodwell, 87 of Bethel, died Nov. 24 at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris.

He was born in Andover on July 18, 1929, the son of the late Ira and Marion (Robinson) Bodwell. Paul was a graduate of Andover High School Class of 1947, where he excelled in Nordic and Alpine skiing. He was the State of Maine and New England cross-country champion.

After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he married Sally Glines of Andover and they made their home in Bethel. They had two sons. When the boys were young, Paul was a Little League coach and umpire. The family skied and Paul was a ski patrolman for 20 years.

Paul was a bottle collector and he and the boys would go off digging bottles, which led to a huge collection. Over the years he had worked at a sawmill, a dairy and retired from SAD 44 as a custodian-bus driver, and at one time he volunteered for the Bethel Rescue Service and was a member of the American Legion. Upon retirement, he became an avid golfer.

Paul is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sally of Bethel; sons Barry and his companion Barb Lutz of Gorham, N.H. and Peter and his wife Emma of Waterford; granddaughters-Mandy and her husband Brandon Ladd of Windham and Zoe Bodwell of Waterford and two great grandchildren - Christian and Abigail Ladd of Windham.

He was predeceased by brothers Ray, Neal, and James.

A heartfelt "thanks" go to the staff of the Maine Veterans home, you were all wonderful.

Graveside services will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover in the spring.

ALPHEUS W. BROOKS

Alpheus W. Brooks, age 84 of Greenwood, passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 at Stephens Memorial Hospital with his loving family at his side.

Alpheus was born in Greenwood on Nov. 22, 1932, a son of Lamont and Eunice (Hall) Brooks. He attended schools in Greenwood and graduated from Woodstock High School.

He faithfully served his country in the US Army during the Korean War from Feb. 26, 1953 to Feb. 17, 1955.

Mr. Brooks worked at ECKO Wood Products for many years and had also worked at Penley Bros. for a time. He was also a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church.

He married Esther Davis on Dec. 21, 1991.

His great joys in life were talking about Jesus and moments spent with his family.

From building trains and Legos and snowmen, to telling stories to half sleeping babies, to teasing the pants off any kids who would listen, to being a football star with the teenagers, he was a very enthusiastic papa. There was never a child asking to play but he wasn't right on the floor doing whatever they asked of him. And if they asked about Jesus, they could always expect a long and incredibly knowledgeable story on the topic.

He always continued to throw a football with the big kids, but when he turned 75 he did finally tell them they couldn't tackle him anymore!

Alpheus is predeceased by an infant son, William; his mother and father; and a step grandson, Mathew.

He leaves behind his wife of Greenwood; three sons, Ambrose, Henry and his wife, Brenda, and Frank; five stepchildren, April Swett and Bruce, Lorrie Bean and Jeff, Chris Rugg and Norma, Tina Perkins, Carla Hill and Rob; six grandchildren, Henry Brooks, Jr, Carl, John, Elizabeth, Amber and Anna; two great grandchildren, Rosanna Brooks and Ivanna Brooks; nine step grandchildren, Tammi, Lita, Jeremy, Keith, Sara, Ryan, Amanda, Sam, and Zach; 11 step great grandchildren, Dakota, Sydney, Natalie, Dylan, Lily, Maya, Reagan, Jeremiah, Abby, Emmitt, and Maci; a brother, Bernard; sister, Doris Tiner and husband, Gary; brothers-in-law, Millard, Larry, Ernest and Dan Davis; sisters-in-law, Marion Cole and Dora Richardson.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date to be announced.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

News from the Bethel Historical Society

Local kindergarten and first graders at Woodstock Elementary School and Crescent Park School will visit the period rooms of the Dr. Moses Mason House on Dec. 2 and 9 to learn about how people decorated their homes and observed Christmas before the Civil War.

Although the traditional Christmas tree was becoming a common domestic adornment by 1850, few families in the Bethel area would have displayed a tree, as inland families were slow to adapt the changing tastes of coastal communities.

During their visit, the children will be able to try their hand at making simple, old-time decorations, and will participate in a few holiday-related games from the antebellum period.

Annual Fund update

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PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS-Last week the Crescent Park School held an Epilepsy Awareness Day. November is Epilepsy Awareness month. Many students wore purple, the color that represents epilepsy support. There are students at CPS who have epilepsy. Shown here is Heidi Bullen's fifth grade class. *Submitted photo*

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Monday-Saturday 8am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm
Proceeds to benefit Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club

Annual Christmas Tea & Fair
Saturday, December 3 - 1-4pm
Enjoy the spirit of Christmas around the tables. Laugh with a neighbor as you shop at the Fair. Go home with a handmade gift, cookies or gift to share for Christmas decoration. Special thrift event to gift items to Kenya to benefit the Kukumoja Orphan Care Center.
West Parish Congregational Church, UCC
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A local alternative to higher prices
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Toe ~ Tappin' ~ Jazz Dance Studio of Bethel
Presents
Melodies Of Christmas
Telstar High School Auditorium
Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm (Storm Date: Tuesday, Dec. 6)
$5 Each Everyone (Under 3 Free) ~ Tickets sold at door
Doors open at 6. Please join us for a night of Christmas Cheer!

Pictured above are some of our youngest entertainers: Back row, left to right: Violet Strevig, Emmy Wright, Alanah Savage, Lucy Decato, Madison Lambert, Mackenzie Johnson, Lily Lewis. Absent from photo: Greta Groves. Front row, left to right: Madeline Lewis, Miley Zetts, Cassidy Scanlin, Piper Grammas, Aubrey Fournier. Absent from photo: Rahkiyah Doggett & Heather Gingras

OVER $1,200 IN CASH AND PRIZES
$500 Cash
One Year Gym Membership ($375 value)
30 DAY "To Healthier Living" ARBONNE Set ($400 value)
Workout 24-7 T-Shirt ($15 value)
THE BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE at Workout 24-7
$75 to join w/ or w/o a gym membership
$130 for couples (husband & wife)
At the end, you could win a cash prize and a one year gym membership, plus the rewarding feeling of looking spectacular and becoming healthier! What a deal!!
So come join us for The Biggest Loser Challenge starting Jan. 9, 2017 and ending Feb. 27, 2017
GROUP FITNESS CLASS OFFERED AT REDUCED RATES FOR CHALLENGE MEMBERS
This is a challenge you cannot afford to miss!!
32 Parkway | Bethel, Maine | workoutinbethel@yahoo.com
207-824-IRON | www.workout24-7bethelmaine.com

RABIES CLINIC
There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Bethel Fire Station from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
The fee for the rabies shot is $16.00.
PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH ONLY!
A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents.
Licensing fees are $11.00 per dog or $6.00 per spayed or neutered dog.

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